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JITTERS IN RUSSIA Stalin's New Riddle WAR OR A DEAL WITH HITLER?

THE "TURKISH PROBLEM" ARISING

The Wilhelmstrasse stated yesterday that the question of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Germany and Iraq has made no progress, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

The correspondent adds the German press is manifesting great interest in "the Turkish problem."—Reuter.

NIGHT WAR IN SERBIA

Serbian guerilla committees are still holding out against German and Italian troops in Yugoslavia, according to a Budapest despatch to the "New York Times" yesterday.

They are waging night war against Axis stragglers, couriers and isolated patrols in Montenegro, central and South Serbia and among the environs of desolated Belgrade and in Belgrade itself.

Despite the concentration of more than five German and Italian divisions in Yugoslavia the war goes on.

Thousands of Serbian and Montenegrin soldiers, with large quantities of ammunition and even a few batteries of mountain guns, have gone into the hills to join the committees to carry on hostilities. In Belgrade there is a mounting daily toll of German dead and wounded. The Germans are executing 10 and sometimes 20 for every German soldier killed, but the struggle goes on.—Reuter.

DARING EXPLOIT

R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East report a daring exploit by two planes bombing the railway near Baghdad and machine-gunning an armoured train.

The pilot of one plane was seriously wounded in the leg and made a forced landing in the desert near the armoured train.

The pilot of the second plane landed and rescued the pilot and gunner, taking off just as the first plane was closing in.—Reuter.

RUTBAH RETAKEN

It is officially confirmed in Cairo that British and Imperial troops have driven the Iraqi forces from Rutbah, which has now been re-occupied by the R.A.F. Rutbah is 250 miles west of Baghdad and is situated on the air routes to India and also on the oil pipeline.—Reuter.

DISCUSSING STALIN'S ASSUMPTION OF THE PREMIERSHIP "THE TIMES" STOCKHOLM CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT THE OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER DURING A MAJOR WAR HAS GREATER DIRECTIVE POWER THAN THE PARTY LEADERSHIP AND SO STALIN BECOMES PRIME MINISTER, HOLDING BOTH KEY POSTS READY TO FACE ANY EMERGENCY.

Stalin's "promotion" may be interpreted as reflecting the fact that he considers Soviet participation in the war not to be impossible and that he is determined to figure both as real and formal head of the Government, functioning in accordance with the Stalin Constitution.

The question arises, for which side would Soviet Russia enter the war? The reply is that she would enter it for neither side but solely for the sake of Soviet interest and doctrines.

But against which side? The embattled frontiers of Poland and Rumania and other signs suggest that it is not directed against Britain. IT IS SCARCELY LIKELY STALIN WILL BEGIN A WAR UNLESS HE IS QUITE CONVINCED IT IS INEVITABLE. Then he may take the initiative rather than allow Hitler to choose the time and place or places.

Moscow's Tactics

"The Times" diplomatic correspondent says Moscow has chosen the present time for withdrawal of recognition from the Belgian, Norwegian and Yugoslav Legations probably for two reasons. Stalin's assumption of formal power as Prime Minister is a recognition of a state of emergency, and suggests he may soon be taking part in important diplomatic conversations, which can only be with Germany.

THE ROUND BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND GERMANY. STALIN HAS REMOVED A DIPLOMATIC STUMBLING BLOCK.

Secondly, the latest action may be read as a broad hint to the British Government, which has not recognised the inclusion of the Baltic States in the Soviet Union.

Obstacle To Easier Relations

On the Soviet side, this is held to be the main obstacle to better Anglo-Soviet relations.

The "News Chronicle" and "Daily Herald" both mention reports suggesting Hitler may be planning a meeting with Stalin.

THE "NEWS CHRONICLE" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT DECLARES THAT AT SUCH A MEETING HITLER WOULD PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS GIVING RUSSIA A COMPLETELY FREE HAND IN THE WHOLE OF ASIA, INCLUDING INDIA AND JAPAN, TOGETHER WITH AN OUTLET TO THE PERSIAN GULF THROUGH RUSSIA IN RETURN FOR A GUARANTEE OF THE PRESENT RUSSIAN FRONTIERS IN EUROPE.

On the economic side Germany would ask for large-scale access to Russian supplies of raw materials.

Iraq Leader Fails

THE IMPRESSION PREVAILS IN ANKARA THAT THE IRAQI WAR MINISTER'S VISIT TO TURKEY HAS BEEN A FAILURE.

The British Ambassador yesterday saw the Turkish Foreign Minister when he was doubtless informed about the conversations with the Iraqi statesman.—Reuter.

particularly Ukrainian wheat and Caucasian oil, in exchange for German machinery and heavy industrial products.

Nazis Ready

Stalin is fully aware that German preparations for an attack on Russia are complete.

If Hitler's proposals seem to him to offer adequate promises of safety, and agreement for Russia, it is felt he will accept. If not, there will be no alternative but a settlement of Russo-German relations by war.—Reuter.

JAPAN ROUSES CURIOSITY IN WASHINGTON

NOT UNNATURALLY, STATEMENTS IN THE INSPIRED TOKYO PRESS, THAT JAPAN MAY "DROP THE CHINA WAR," ARE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON WITH RESERVE IF NOT SUSPICION.

It has long been realised in Washington that the lack of Japanese progress in bringing China to her knees has induced something comparable to despondency even in military circles in Japan, but observers profess difficulty in seeing how Japan can withdraw even partly from the bog she is in without inviting disaster, as long as Chungking shows any fight at all.

That Japan would like to have available for use elsewhere the large section of her army in China, plus the large merchant marine which is kept busy in the China Sea supplying that army, is not doubted.

For this reason, it is generally accepted in Washington that talk of dropping the China war represents little more than thinking as wishful as it is wise.

Some think the statement of an alleged desire to drop the China war, made in the hope of painting a picture of a peace-loving Japan, is to try to divert Lease and Lend aid intended for China, in view of the fact that China is known to be ready to assume the offensive as soon as equipment in the shape of artillery and planes can be sent to China from America.

Japanese Anxiety

In addition the statement is being linked with reports indicating increasing anxiety in Japan over possible developments in United States relations with the European Axis powers and consequent nervousness in Tokyo that Japan may be called on by Germany to honour the pact she signed last September.

Informed opinion in Washington generally is that the United States, within a short while, possibly only weeks, will change her status of non-belligerent ally of Britain against the Axis powers, and there is the fact that the Japanese are one of that trio.



One of the very few pictures released by the German censors of damage caused by the R.A.F. Police and demolition workers are pictured in Württemberg as they clear up the debris. These tenement houses suffered when our aircraft dived to bomb adjoining factories. Eyes are turned warily to the sky as a droning is heard.—(Copyright)

BOMBER STRIKES AT REICH

Mannheim And Ludwigshafen Taste A Blitz

FOR THE SECOND NIGHT IN SUCCESSION, EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG FORCES OF R.A.F. BOMBERS, WHICH THIS TIME INCLUDED NETHERLANDS AIRCRAFT, ATTACKED GERMANY AND OCCUPIED TERRITORY ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

Mannheim, Germany's great manufacturing centre and second largest inland port in Europe, was successfully raided by the main body of R.A.F. attackers, much damage being done and huge fires started.

Ludwigshafen, a neighbouring town, was also attacked, while other raiders bombed industrial objectives in Berlin.

Air Ministry communique reports extensive fires in the docks and industrial quarters of Mannheim and Ludwigshafen.

Ports and aerodromes in occupied territory were also raided, as were the docks at Calais, Boulogne and Ostend and aerodromes in southern Norway.

Dutch naval aircraft participated in the raids on southern Norway, it being the first time Netherlands aircraft had taken part. American-built Hudson bombers, contributed by Dutch overseas, were used. Fighter Command aircraft maintained offensive patrols over enemy aerodromes in northern France, which were bombed.

One of our bombers shot down an enemy fighter.

Three of our planes are missing from all these operations.—Reuter.

German Version

The R.A.F. raid on Mannheim Friday night is admitted by the Berlin radio, which declares the main British attack was on southwest Germany, where incendiary bombs were dropped on a large town, "causing casualties among civilians."

The announcer added, "A number of British planes reached Berlin where bombs were dropped on thickly populated residential districts; private houses were destroyed and several people were killed and injured."—Reuter.

Major Alan Murray announced last night that Germany was no longer attempting to conceal the great weight of R.A.F. raids on Germany. In a broadcast to Germans, he said, it was admitted that the damage done was considerable.

"Destructive"

The description given to the Mannheim raid by the Air Ministry official communique is "concentrated and destructive." The communique says: "On Friday night the main attack of aircraft of the Bomber Command was directed against industrial

NEARING BOMBER PARITY WITH GERMANY

American press and radio commentators, commenting on Thursday night's heavy R.A.F. attacks on Hamburg and Bremen, express the opinion that the quantitative extent of the raids may indicate that Britain's strength in bombers is nearing parity with Germany's.—Reuter.

CHANNEL DOG FIGHTS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Aerial combats took place over the south-east coast of England yesterday between large forces of R.A.F. fighters and German fighters and bombers at heights of 20,000 to 30,000 feet, in which at least one Messerschmidt was shot down.

Authoritative quarters in London declare that the increasing German reconnaissance flights indicate preparations for a resumption of last year's major daylight attacks.

Observers believe the German raids will continue incessantly, though the large number of Nazi planes shot down recently will compel the Germans to use caution.—International News Service.

Reuter adds the battles took place in brilliant sunshine when high-flying German fighters attempting reconnaissance flights over the south-east coast were driven off by R.A.F. fighter patrols after a battle five and six miles up in the blue.

SMALL GROUPS OF THE ENEMY FLEW ACROSS THE

AND LITTLE AUDREY—

FEAR OF AN OPEN CLASH WITH JAPAN IN THE PACIFIC IS "THE PRIME CONSIDERATION BEHIND THE HESITANCY OF BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES TO CONCLUDE AN OUTRIGHT MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH CHUNGKING," DECLARED THE "SHANGHAI MAINICHI" IN AN EDITORIAL YESTERDAY.

The paper added such an alliance would certainly bring about Japanese confiscation of British and American interests in occupied China and instant attacks against Singapore and Burma, and a menace to Australia.—Reuter.

GOERING STEERING CLEAR

Nazi raids on Britain during Friday night were again on a reduced scale. Three enemy bombers were shot down, making a total of 90 in nine nights of May, as many as in the entire month of April.

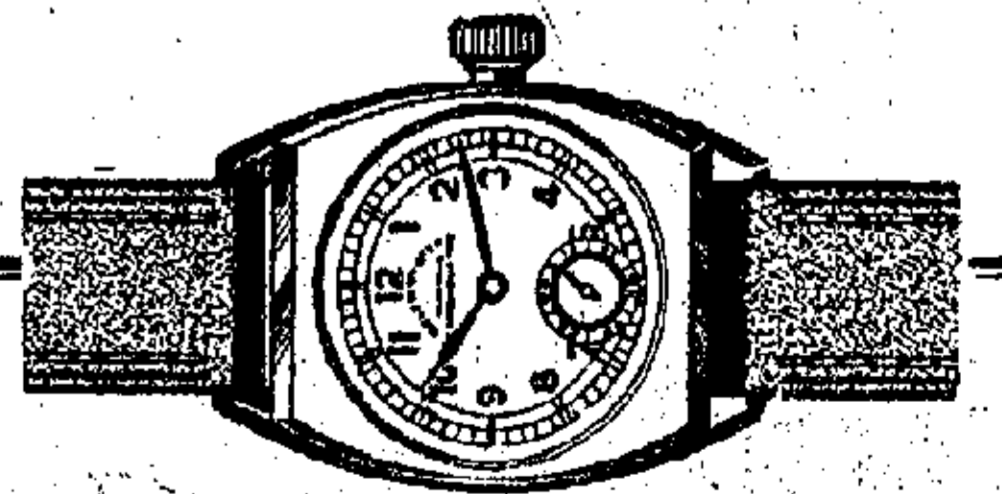
Bombs were dropped at a number of points, says the Air Ministry, but nowhere did a concentrated attack develop. However, some damage was done in a West of England town.

Casualties were not large though a small number were killed. A pilot who shot down one of the three Nazi bombers destroyed declared he was on patrol when there was a burst of machine-gun fire over his plane.

He searched for the enemy until a second burst gave him away. The R.A.F. pilot attacked and after his first burst the enemy plane spiralled down to the sea. HE FOLLOWED IT DOWN TILL IT CRASHED INTO THE WATER, WHEN THE "WATER-SPOUT IT SENT UP HIT MY WINDSCREEN."—REUTER.

JAPANESE HINT TO THAILAND

Commenting on the Franco-Thai Treaty, the Tokyo "Hochi Shimbun" yesterday said it is clear that the spirit of the treaty does not allow Thailand to "continue economic and political dependence upon the United States and Britain" while simultaneously maintaining friendly relations.—Reuter.



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CHUNGKING REJECTS JAPANESE PEACE MOVE

Honda Despairs Of Generalissimo

THE CHUNGKING GOVERNMENT HAS REJECTED ALL PEACE PROPOSALS EXCEPT THROUGH UNITED STATES MEDIATION. DR. KUMATARO HONDA, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO NANKING, IS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD THE SHANGHAI CORRESPONDENT OF THE TOKYO "NICHU-NICHU" IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW BEFORE SAILING FROM SHANGHAI FOR TOKYO ON FRIDAY.

TOILET TAX ISSUES

In an interview yesterday on the operation of the tax on toilet preparations, the Acting Financial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, stated that Imperial Preference was not intended.

"The matter came up for consideration during the discussions, but it was rejected as impractical."

Mr. Todd drew a distinction in the definition of Imperial Preference between circumstances in which articles of British origin paid a lower duty than goods of foreign origin, and in which no duty was levied on British goods while similar articles from other sources were taxed.

He regarded the first as Imperial Preference and the second not.

The Financial Secretary also told the "Sunday Herald" that he was not aware of what extent the decision not to impose duty on sub-stances "in the British Pharmacopoeia" would affect collections. "Only a chemist could tell you that," he said. He explained that the variations in the new resolution to cover "certain other substances" whether medicinal or not, were intended to bring such things as Tiger Balm and liniments of iodine within the scope of the tax.

JAPAN'S POSITION DEFINED

During an interview with the Tokyo correspondent of the "New York Times," Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, recently defined Japan's position.

Mr. Matsuoka declared one of the reasons of Japan's adherence to the Tripartite Pact was to prevent the United States from entering into the war.

But in spite of this, the United States participated in hostilities, Japan would be obliged to enter into the war in honour on the side of Germany and Italy, Mr. Matsuoka concluded.—Reuter.

Dr. Honda previously was reported to be returning to Tokyo with "important proposals for settlement of the China conflict."

The Japanese envoy, according to the "Nichi-Nichi," said that general peace between Japan and China could only be restored by strengthening the position of the Nanking government and stabilising Chinese life.

"In settling the Sino-Japanese conflict completely, the government at Nanking must be strengthened so that its influence permeates the whole of China with the inevitable consequence of amalgamation of the Nanking government and the Chungking regime," Dr. Honda is said to have declared.

Impossible

He deprecated the idea of entering into direct negotiations with Chungking as "the height of folly."

"I will place information in my possession before the Japanese nation," Chungking wants a wholesale withdrawal of Japanese troops from China before entering into peace negotiations," Dr. Honda declared, according to the Japanese newspaper.

Not Anxious For Peace

He is alleged to have told the "Nichi-Nichi" that General Chiang Kai-shek told a "certain third-power national" that if Japan wants peace "you had better come with peace proposals through the United States."

Dr. Honda, according to the paper, admitted the impossibility of direct negotiations between Japan and Chungking and at the same time asserted that third-power mediation was inadequate.

Referring to statements by the Japanese Premier, Prince Konoye, Dr. Honda pointed out that General Chiang Kai-shek knew harsh terms would not be imposed by Japan upon him in the worst eventuality.

Therefore, the Generalissimo was not anxious for peace but, on the contrary, meant to keep up resistance against Japan by allying himself with Britain and the United States.

DR. HONDA'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHUNGKING WOULD ONLY RESULT IN DELAYING FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE CHINA AFFAIR BY STIFFENING CHUNGKING'S ANTI-JAPANESE ATTITUDE.

Therefore Japan's first and foremost task is to strengthen the Wang Ching-wei government," Dr. Honda is reported to have added.—Reuter.

MASS ARMS PRODUCTION IN AUSTRALIA

Indicating the extent of Australia's industrial drive, the Australian Supply Minister, Senator McBride, stated in Canberra yesterday that the Commonwealth was mass producing some varieties of munitions cheaper than Britain.—Reuter.

Grand Effort By D.E.I.

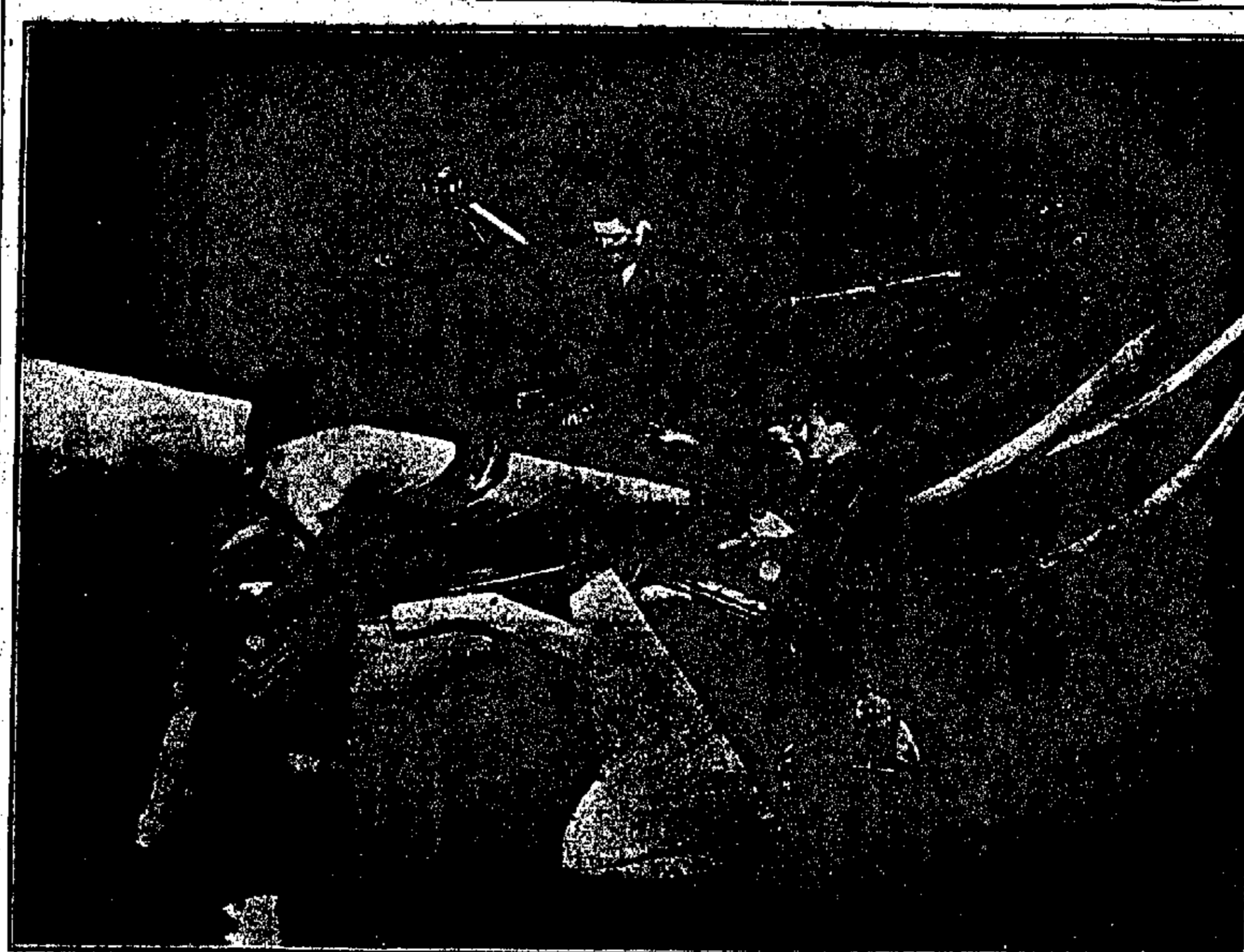
On the eve of May 10, anniversary of the invasion of the Netherlands, the amalgamated Netherlands East Indies war funds remitted to London 100,000 guilders for a ninth bomber, to be called "Rotterdam."

Princess Bernhard asked for five bombers before May 10 but the N.E.I. gave nine, with a complete Rotterdam squadron has been formed.

Furthermore, £10,000 has been remitted to London for two other Spitfires.

Altogether the N.E.I. contribution to the Allied Air Force so far is 28 bombers and 79 Spitfires.—Reuter.

NIGHT FIGHTER TAKES OFF



Refuelling a Hurricane fighter at night before taking off to continue the task of clearing the enemy raiders from British skies.—(Copyright, Fox.)

Navy's Heavy Job In Mediterranean

HAVING DONE A FINE JOB IN THE EVACUATION OF THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL FORCES FROM GREECE, THE BRITISH NAVY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IS NOW CONCENTRATING, IT IS LEARNED IN LONDON, ON INTERRUPTING THE SUPPLY OF MEN AND MATERIAL GOING FROM ITALY AND SICILY TO TRIPOLI AND BENGHAZI.

A number of destroyers and submarines based on Malta are busily watching German and Italian attempts to get ships through.

It is believed the latter use French territorial waters, which does not make the Navy's task any easier.

Authoritative circles in London point out, however, that even with the help and protection of the R.A.F. and with the use of submarines and destroyers, there can be no guarantee of a complete interruption of supplies for Libya.

Further help from ships based on Alexandria is also limited because of the danger of attacks from dive-bombers.

Alexandria Problem

The whole British position in the Mediterranean depends on the defence of Alexandria.

ITS DEFENCES WILL NATURALLY BE MORE LIABLE TO HEAVY AERIAL ATTACK, WITH THE ENEMY IN NORTH AFRICA HAVING ADVANCED SO FAR ALONG THE COAST AND WITH GREECE AND ISLANDS IN THE AEGEAN SEAS, AS WELL AS THE DODECANESE, IN ENEMY HANDS.

At the same time the enemy has not advanced sufficiently

far to enable them to use a fighter escort to their dive-bombers and it is essential they should not be allowed to do so.

This must be prevented at all cost, otherwise the position of the Fleet at Alexandria would be insecure.

Like Alexandria, the Suez Canal is excellently defended and there is every confidence in British ability to keep the Canal open despite air attacks and the possibility of the enemy landing parachute troops.

Importance Of Crete

Crete, which "will be defended to the death," and Cyprus are both islands of inestimable value to Britain. The importance of denying both these islands to the enemy is much greater than holding them for Britain's own purposes.

Dispossession of Crete would make the use by us of the channel between Crete and the North African coast almost impossible. DIVE-BOMBERS WOULD BE ABLE TO BE ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS AND THESE DEFINITELY ALWAYS PRESENT A SERIOUS MENACE TO THE FLEET.

Chances Very Good

If the enemy took Cyprus it would mean they would control the route to Syria and thence on to the important Mosul oilfields which would prove a very serious blow indeed.

Like Crete, its air bases would prove as invaluable as its harbours.

Fortunately the chances of both of these islands holding out are very good indeed.

THE ISLANDS CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS AND ITALIANS IN THE IONIAN AND AEGEAN, APART FROM LEMNOS, WHICH HOLDS A POSITION COMMANDING THE DARDANELLES, AND MYELEN, CAN BE OF LITTLE USE AS BASES FOR EITHER ENEMY FLEETS OR AIR FORCES.

Even if the British held Lemnos it would be very prone to attack from the Luftwaffe based in Bulgaria and the Italian air force based on the Dodecanese and it would be hard to hold.—Reuter.

CAROL ARRIVING IN BERMUDA

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD") Ex-King Carol of Rumania and Madame Lupescu were due to arrive at Hamilton, Bermuda, yesterday.

They will put up at a \$100 a day penthouse prepared for them, and will stay in Bermuda for an indefinite period.—International News Service.

Queen Wilhelmina's Inspiring Broadcast Address

CONFIDENCE IN FINAL victory and thanks to the English-speaking peoples for their help, were expressed by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands in two broadcasts from London last evening.

Broadcasting first to "compatriots in all parts of the realm and scattered over all parts of the world," the Queen declared, "At the end of a year of trial the kingdom stands firm, more united, determined, unanimous and strong. Everyone takes part in the struggle."

"On one side is an enemy who conflicts with international and martial law and who denies human rights, on the other side is a people silenced but courageous, proud, offering a dogged passive resistance."

Queen Wilhelmina reassured the people of Holland that Greater Holland, east and west, was anxious to aid them and was ready to sacrifice everything to that end, and that President Roosevelt and the people of the United States would not rest until victory had been won.

Resistance Absolute

In her second broadcast Queen Wilhelmina thanked the English-speaking peoples for their aid, and said Hitler had invaded Dutch territory but had never succeeded in invading the Dutch spirit.

"From Surinam to New Guinea the Dutch Empire stands fast. In occupied territory there is but one conviction—resistance must be absolute."

"No negotiation or compromise is possible with an enemy who has introduced the lie as the main instrument of policy and whose rule depends on the machinations of secret police."

Will Be Smashed

The Dutch Prime Minister, in an address, declared "Hitler can rush west, rush south, fly east and march north, but gaining victories is not winning a war."

"It would not be remarkable to see the German pinners at work again—in Spain and on a gigantic scale in Russia. Leningrad and even Moscow are not so far from the German frontiers."

"If the Nazi nihilistic movement will be smashed and the German people made to understand that the people and the world don't wish to be plunged into war every quarter of a century."—Reuter.

EXPORT CONTROL IN PHILIPPINES?

Mr. Francis B. Sayre, United States Commissioner in the Philippines, stated in Manila yesterday that he favoured an extension of the Federal Export Control to the Philippines.—Reuter.

CANADA'S NAVY

CANADA'S EXISTING NAVAL STRENGTH OF 200 SHIPS AND 18,000 PERSONNEL WILL ALMOST BE DOUBLED BY APRIL NEXT, DECLARED THE NAVY MINISTER, MR. ANGUS MACDONALD, SPEAKING AT ONTARIO YESTERDAY.

"We shall have 400 ships and 28,000 men, and there will be no port in the world where Canadian sailors and ships won't be found."—Reuter.

DEATH OF PAUL DREYFUS

Paul Dreyfus, pioneer on the Rand and in the diamond industry and friend of Cecil Rhodes, died in Johannesburg yesterday aged 84.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL AND RAPE OF LOW COUNTRIES

A YEAR AGO YESTERDAY Germany invaded Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg and Mr. Churchill, in a message to the Premiers of the Low Countries and the Foreign Minister of Luxembourg, expresses Britain's sympathy for and solidarity with the peoples downtrodden by the invader.

To the Netherlands Premier Mr. Churchill writes "On the anniversary of the brutal and unprovoked invasion of the Netherlands by the German armed forces I wish to express the gratitude of His Majesty's Government for the aid the Netherlands Government have given the Allied cause throughout this grievous year."

"The presence in this country of Queen Wilhelmina and of her Government, and the support given by the Netherlands Empire, armed forces and merchant marine, have been most valuable sources of strength to the common cause, nor do we forget the brave Dutchmen who fought so valiantly in the Battle of the Netherlands and who now under the Nazi yoke continue to oppose tyranny."

"The sympathy and admiration of His Majesty's Government and the British people go out in special measure to the people of the Netherlands, who, by their courage and endurance, play so firm a part in the war against the hated enemy."

Belgian Aid

To the Belgian Premier Mr. Churchill expressed gratitude for all the help Belgians have given to the Allied cause.

"We remember your soldiers who resisted the invader in the Battle of Belgium and who, in their homes, oppose the will of the invader, and the Belgian people who are now under the hateful Nazi tyranny and yet their courage and endurance daily contribute to the defence of freedom."

Mr. Churchill also paid a tribute to the "unflinching gallantry and endurance of the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg and her people."—Reuter.

IRAN DENIES ARRIVAL OF NAZI "TOURISTS"

The Iranian (Persian) Embassy in Ankara yesterday issued a denial that numerous Germans had gone to Iran as tourists, says Reuter.

TRINITY COLLEGE RESULTS

The following are the results supplied by the local secretary of Trinity College of Music (London), Mr. J. E. Anderson, of the local practical examinations held during the week. Where not otherwise stated the examinations were for Piano forte. The examiner was Dr. William Lovelock.

EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS' DIPLOMA (F.T.C.L.), Rosabel Heu. Fellowship (F.T.C.L.), Rosabel Heu. Licentiate (F.T.C.L.), Rosabel Heu. HIGHER LOCAL DIVISION Honours—Rose Lee.

Pass With Merit—Vera Rutledge, Doreen, Leanne, Wai Kan and Aurelia Wai. Pass—Lily Dunn, Fung Lin, Lily Sung (Musicianship), Sam Yau Mut and Tse, Lai Ching.

ADVANCED SENIOR DIVISION Pass With Merit—Wong, Elizabeth K. Wong and Jeanette Wong-Kee Yung.

SENIOR DIVISION Honours—Glory Mui-Hing and Mui Fook Kee.

Pass With Merit—Mimi Anyang, Maggie Cheng, Katie Chow, Hui Yin Kan, Martha Lee, Ng Yuen Ching, Wong Shuk Yin, Queenie Wong and Lily Wong. Pass—Constance Chau and Ho Shuk Chun.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION Honours—Ching, Fung, Fung, Cheung, Mimi Leung and Claire Van Wylick.

Pass With Merit—Fung, Po-Yuk, Hui Woon, Ching, Lai, Kai, Lai, Man Yink, Fatsy Shu and Wong Man Long.

Pass—Betty Shu.

JUNIOR DIVISION Honours—Ching, Fung, Fung, Fung, Chan, Dorothy Kwan (Musicianship), Doreen Lee, Pui Yew Phoebe Lo, Leslie Lucy (Violin), Tung Kalyuen, Betty Tse, Young Sook Fun and Yoying Wai Mun.

Pass With Merit—Chan, Kwang Loong, Lily Ho, Gwenie Lee, Leung Sook Wan, Leung, Pui Yee, Maria do Carmo Vargas Montz, Elizabeth Millar, Thelma Piana and Iris Sun.

Pass—Caroline Chang, Siu Ka Chuen and Ronald Wong.

ADVANCED PREPARATORY DIVISION Honours—Kathleen Hui (Musicianship) and Young Sook Fung.

Pass With Merit—Cheng Fung Yee, Phoon Sau Ching, Phoon Suei Sing, Barbara Marion Roe, Marie Sandberg, Maria F. Xavier and Young Chee Lan.

Pass—Maria Theresa D'Almeida Remedios and Hilda M. Silva.

PREPARATORY DIVISION Honours—Fanny Chan, Donald Chan Pul-chee, Choy Lai, Sheng, Lillian Izatt, Pui Yin, Hui, Lo, Maria Helena Vargas Montz, Dawn Mary Rose, Lucia Kennedy-Skipiton, George A. Von-sou (Violin), Hazel, Wong (Musicianship), Whitford Wong (Musicianship), Gloria Woo, Louise Woo and Eulalia Xavier.

Pass With Merit—Chian Man Yuen, Lilla Gam, Teresa Gutierrez, Ivy Ho, Leung Siu Wing, Leung, Siu Yee, Sylvia Remedios, Bernardine D'Almeida Remedios, Geraldine P. Silva, Sit Hang Yin, Junko Tanaka, Tseung (Violin), Kenneth Wong, Mochee Wong and Regina M. S. Xavier.

Pass—Sylvia Wong and Grace Yip.

FIRST STEPS DIVISION Honours—Ruby Ching, Fung, Chan, Daniel Chan Pui-shok, Choy King, Man, Renee Ho, Charles B. Izall, Haze Lee, Han, Jenny, Look, Lucy, Miller, Charles A. Rozesow, Edith Kennedy-Skipiton, Jeannine Ubagis, Jo Shus, Lang, Jacqueline M. Xavier, Ruth H. Yuen, Young Lai Ling and Carmen Yuen.

Pass With Merit—Li Wong Chun, Letitia Remedios, Maribel Spary and Betty Yip.

INITIAL DIVISION Honours—John Chan, Leong Oi Yee, Leong, Siu Yee, Li Wong, Pong, Dorothy Jean Newburn, Wan Siu Yuen (Musicianship) and Wong Man Koi.

Pass With Merit—Doreen Chan Pui-Lai, Lina-Sun Moon, Doreen Sun Moon and Sylvia Xavier.

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NETHERLANDS REMEMBERS

Impressive Scene In Bombed London Church

SYMBOL OF DEMOCRACY'S DESTINY

(By Walton Adamson Cole)

AT NOON YESTERDAY above the bombed and wrecked Dutch Church in the heart of the City of London, the Netherlands flag, flying at half mast, was slowly run to the top of the mast.

That flag symbolises Democracy's destiny — not to mourn for a free people who fight to break their bondage, for they will arise.

On May 10 last year Hitler invaded Holland, yet how hollow has been his victory. After 12 months he is no near conquering for his creed the devout, freedom-loving Dutch.

Since the Dutch came to Britain to continue the fight I have been in daily contact with these proud, progressive champions of Democracy.

It is no lip service Holland pays to the Allied cause of freedom.

Naval Aid

Her navy escaped almost intact. Retaining identity and operating in the closest cooperation with the British Navy, Dutch units have discharged some of the most hazardous tasks of the war, tasks which the British First Lord, praising the bravery of Dutch seamen, said could not be disclosed until peace comes.

Scores of Dutch fishing vessels are operating with naval auxiliaries. Holland's merchant shipping — a contribution of 3,000,000 tons, of which over 1,000,000 tons is operating from Britain — has been a vital factor in ferrying war materials and food from the arsenals and larders of the Democracies.

Phenomenal Air Aid

In the air Holland's help has been phenomenal. Her air force and the K.L.M. civil line pilots are "aces" of the famed R.A.F. Coastal Command, whose reconnaissance and patrol duties already total 45,000,000 miles — that way to the moon.

Armada Of 'Planes

From Holland's rich East and West Indies Empire has come by voluntary subscription alone over 21,000,000 for a vast armada of bombers and fighters with pilots to fly some of them.

The Indies, too, have made tremendous economic contribution to the war effort. Dollars due them from American have been utilised to buy war materials for Britain, thus saving sterling.

The Dutch army in Britain is well-trained, magnificently equipped and is rapidly expanding, many volunteers having journeyed half way round the world to join.

Millions of pounds have been raised by the most novel form of income tax in history, a tax on a set rate paid voluntarily on full earnings.

Tax Yourself Appeal

This "tax yourself" appeal has had an unanimous response, and has helped to meet the current £90 million Dutch war budget.

"To move, as I do, in London's 'Little Holland,' with its own

Government buildings, trading ministries, club, church, radio organization and newspaper, it to become infected with the fervid faith of a people who are not refugees but active partners in the fight.

They are personally waging a total war effort in a crusade to rein in the Netherlands for Netherlands.

THEIR ACTIONS ARE AN INSPIRATION AND AN INCENTIVE TO THEIR SILENT COMPATRIOTS IN OCCUPIED HOLLAND TO SPURN CO-OPERATION WITH THE ENEMY AND WAIT FOR THE LIBERATION DAY.

Queen Speaks

Last night, Queen Wilhelmina spoke to all the Dutch.

THIS SIMPLY MATRONLY WOMAN — A GREAT RULING QUEEN WHOM THE BRITISH HAVE LIKENED TO THEIR OWN VICTORIA — IS THE KEYSTONE OF HOLLAND'S NATIONAL UNITY AND FAITH.

For the deeds of their Nazi oppressors, millions of Netherlander subjects to-day pledge themselves "never forget dit noot" (never forget this) and with this oath also declare "Netherlander zal herrijzen" (the Netherlander will arise). Such a people must! — Reuter.

NEARING AMBA ALAGI

The Imperial troops in North Africa are approaching the south of the Amba Alagi position, which is being attacked from the north by troops from Ethiopia, and operations are proceeding successfully, declared yesterday's Nairobi communiqué.

In the south the Italians have been resisting with determination. Our troops, although considerably hampered by the rains, succeeded after heavy fighting, spread over some days, in forcing the enemy from their positions.

These positions, one of which was eight miles deep, had been prepared for some time, and as full use had been made of the hills, they proved a formidable proposition.

It was at one of these positions that the Italians were held up for many months by the Abyssinians in 1936.

Our leading troops in these areas are now approaching Adola, 45 miles north of Nebbi, and Aigag, 45 miles north of Yavello. — Reuter.



THE AFTERMATH OF R.A.F. VISIT TO BERLIN. Men of the German Safety Service putting out a fire started by incendiary bombs during an R.A.F. raid on Berlin. — (Copyright, Fox.)

AUSTRALIANS TO APPOINT ENVOY TO CHINA

The principle of an exchange of Ministers between Australia and China has been approved by the Commonwealth Cabinet.

The decision will be communicated to Chungking immediately and a cordial reply is expected. — Reuter.

CHUNGKING HEAVILY BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Chungking was heavily bombed again yesterday by an armada of 'planes, estimated to total 54 machines.

The attack was launched at about noon and hundreds of incendiaries and high explosive bombs were dropped.

The air raid precautions system worked splendidly and casualties did not exceed 24 although over 300 high explosive bombs were showered on the city.

One bomb exploded in front of the American Methodist Church's Middle School, but none of the occupants was hurt. No foreigners were among the casualties. — Our Own Correspondent.

CLUB LUSITANO RECEPTION FOR GOVERNOR OF MACAO

WELL OVER TWO HUNDRED were present last evening, at the reception given by the Committee and members of the Club Lusitano in honour of His Excellency the Governor of Macao, Commander Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira and Madame Teixeira.

Among those who attended were — His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, H.E. Major-General A. E. Grasett, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Commodore A. S. Collinson, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Bishop Valtorta, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Robert Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. F. X. V. Soares, Acting Consul for Portugal, and many others. Among guests from Macao was Mr. P. J. Lobo, Director of Economic Services.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, President of the Club, thanked the guests, laying particular stress on the presence of His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote as a high privilege and great pleasure. He stated that the Portuguese community had a natural and deep affection for Macao and was proud to be able to welcome the head of the Macao Government whose presence at the Club Lusitano was a matter of great and genuine satisfaction.

It was, he said, an opportunity to be able to affirm the loyalty of the Portuguese community of Hong Kong to the Hong Kong Government. He regretted Lady Northcote's absence but said they looked forward to an early opportunity of a visit when victory had been attained in the present conflict.

He assured the Governor of Macao that though his visit was brief, his welcome was not the less sincere, and, on behalf of the Portuguese community, he assured him that future visits would be looked forward to with the same satisfaction as that which the community now felt.

Loyal Community

Replying H. E. Commander Teixeira said he would first say a few words in English, but hoped he would be forgiven for reverting to Portuguese when addressing the Portuguese present.

He expressed the keen satisfaction he felt to see the loyalty of the Portuguese community of Hong Kong to the place of their adoption.

In Portuguese, he said he knew what all Portuguese felt when they thought of their Mother Country. In his travels, he had visited many communities of Portuguese in various parts of the world, and long before coming to Macao, he had heard of the splendid community of Portuguese who lived and had their being in Hong Kong.

Ties Of Sentiment

It was the first opportunity that he had had, as delegate of the Portuguese Government, to pay an official visit to Hong Kong. He felt proud of the Portuguese community to Hong Kong, in ties of sentiment which did not prevent them from maintaining their love of their Mother Country.

He felt sure that the colonies of Hong Kong and Macao would continue to maintain the closest ties of friendship.

Mr. F. P. de V. Soares, Acting Consul for Portugal in Hong Kong, also spoke, and after referring to the satisfaction felt by all Portuguese in Hong Kong at the visit, he expressed the ties of friendship between Great Britain and Portugal, expressed the gratitude of the Portuguese Community to the Government of Hong Kong.

FIRST BLOOD TO THE NAVY

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

The destruction of the first Nazi commerce raider sunk in the Indian Ocean is regarded in London as the first blood drawn by the Navy in the intensified battle to clear raiders from the Indian Ocean.

These are the shipping lanes along which vital materials from Australia and possibly America must move to the embattled Middle East. — International News Service.

Crew Of 300

ALTHOUGH NO DEFINITE NEWS HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE CRUISER CORNWALL RELATING TO THE NAZI ARMED MERCHANT CRUISER SHE SANK IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, IT IS BELIEVED THE COMMERCE RAIDER WAS AN EX-HANSA LINER OF ABOUT 10,000 TONS.

Her armament probably consisted of six guns of 5.9 inches as well as torpedo tubes. It is likely she was fitted for minelaying and it is thought she carried a crew of at least 300.

Object of this large company would be to provide prize crews for any captures she might make. — British Wireless.

NEW 'PLANE FACTORY

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

A new 'plane factory employing about 7,100 workmen has just been opened in California.

In this factory, the new bomber Douglas B19, weighing 80 tons, and the new Lockheed fighter, capable of 560 miles per hour, will be built. The new 'planes, recently conducted successfully their first test flights in Los Angeles before thousands of people. — International News Service.

OFFICER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Captain Walter Harold Powlesland Chattey, of the Middlesex Regiment, was committed for trial by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, on a serious charge.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sergeant N. B. Fraser, prosecuted and the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. R. M. M. King, was for the defence.

Sgt. G. S. Alexander, in the witness box, said he was on duty in Nathan Road at about 4 a.m. on April 22. His attention was attracted to a taxi, outside the Blue Taxi Company, which was surrounded by an excited crowd. He went up to the taxi, inside which was accused. He asked accused what the trouble was. Accused said: "They don't seem to trust me," looking at the taxi drivers.

Witness spoke to the driver, and began to walk away. He then overheard conversations among the taxi drivers and in consequence returned and looked into the taxi. He saw that accused was clad only in a shirt.

Accused told him that a boy in King's Park had stolen his clothing. Witness asked accused whether he wished to report the matter. Accused gave a negative reply.

The taxi was then driven away and he returned to Yauwatti Police Station. In the morning, Police Constable C808 came into the Station with a small boy, who had a suit of European clothing. The small boy made a complaint, and was sent to the Kowloon Hospital for examination.

The constable said he found the boy wearing the trousers.

CAPT. ROOSEVELT IN EGYPT

Capt. James Roosevelt, son of the President, has been received by General Wavell, states Ankara radio.

Capt. Roosevelt arrived in Egypt from California via Chungking. — Reuter.

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GOVERNMENT ACTION BRINGS DOWN RICE PRICES ALL OVER THE COLONY

Importers Plan To Lodge Petition

A SHARP DROP IN THE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE OCCURRED IN THE COLONY YESTERDAY, CERTAIN IMPORTERS REDUCING THEIR RATES BY OVER \$1 PER PICUL AND QUOTING AT \$13.40 PER PICUL.

TAILORS SEEKING HIGHER PAY

The increased*high cost of living has induced tailors to commence negotiations with their employers for higher salaries and allowances.

Incentive to this step was not disclosed but it was connected by market observers with the surprise opening under Government initiative of fair-price shops for the sale of rice, and with hints that, at this late hour, an attempt is to be made to persuade Government to abandon its plan to create a rice monopoly.

It was stated last night, in well-informed Chinese circles, that a petition is being prepared by a well-known firm of solicitors, for submission to Government appealing for reconsideration of the monopoly decision.

Meantime, the first two Government fair-price shops at the Central Market and the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, reported an immediate excellent response.

Immediate effect of the opening of the Government shops yesterday was to bring down the rice prices of the ordinary retailers, though there was much admixture of grades.

THE CENTRAL MARKET DEPT SOLD RICE IN SMALL QUANTITIES (THE MAXIMUM SALE TO ANY ONE PERSON IS \$2 WORTH) TO THE VALUE OF OVER \$1,600 YESTERDAY MORNING, WITHIN THREE OR FOUR HOURS OF ITS OPENING.

It is proposed to extend the depots throughout the Colony as and where necessary, chiefly with the object of forcing rice retailers in general to bring their prices down to a proper level.

Flagrant Evasion

The necessity for some such action, in addition to the monopoly control of imports and exports, is illustrated by evidence produced to the authorities of the sale of a picul of rice to a well-known charitable institution, which cares for the Chinese sick, for \$20.40.

A receipt was given for \$16 for the rice and an additional receipt, for an unspecified service, for \$4.40. The \$16 represented the legal price of the rice.

It is authoritatively stated that it will not be the purpose of the Government's fair-price depots, to undercut legitimate traders. The price to be charged at Government shops will include a fair profit. All retailers can, therefore, bring their prices down to the figure of the Government depots.

The Government shops will be open to-day and on services in future, at any rate in the early stages of the project, it is also disclosed.

Control Of Funds

An account for the depots has been opened in the Bank of China, in the care of the Treasurer (Mr. Wong Quincey) to be called the "Equitable Rice Sales Fund," and cheques in payment for rice purchased and for payment of salaries, and other expenses should be signed by the Director (the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach) and counter-signed by the Treasurer.

A cashier is held responsible at each rice depot for issuing cheques of the value of 20 cents and 50 cents. No change is to be given in order to facilitate the work of the depot.

Takings are to be collected by the Accountant (Mr. G. Lessing) and paid to the representative of the Bank of China, if possible, at a post to be established in Kowloon.

Personnel

Brigadier Darby, in charge of personnel, has been authorised to recruit the following number per unit:—One cashier at \$1.50 per day; Two shop-foks at \$1.00 per day; and Two coolies at \$1.00 per day.

Volunteers from refugee camps are to receive \$10 per month for transport expenses and for mid-day meals.

The following prices of the two grades of rice were decided upon: Grade A (\$14.80 per picul):—\$1 for six catties, 12 taels; 50 cents for three catties, six taels; and 20 cents for one catty, seven taels.

Grade B (\$14 per picul):—\$1 for seven catties, two taels; 50 cents for three catties, nine taels; and 20 cents for one catty, seven taels.

FLYING SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

THE SECOND "CONGREGATION" OF THE FAR EAST FLYING SCHOOL WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SATURDAY AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL WHEN A TEA DANCE WILL BE HELD TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION.

Twelve students who have completed their course in Aero-Engineering will receive their diplomas. They are: Messrs. F. Tanner, J. R. Winyard, Cheung Chung-shih, N. Vangao, J. Leong Hoi, Koh Foh-seng, Kwan Su-ming, Tan Koh-why, Tai Tim-wah, Tai Tim-chee, Wong Hong-kwong, and K. C. Ling.

Post-graduates are invited. The dance will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with Art Canero's Orchestra in attendance.

STABBED IN BACK

Cheung Shing-chiu, 34, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital on Friday, after he had been held up by other Chinese who stabbed him in the back in Fuk Chuen Street, Shamshuipo.

BRIEF STRIKE AT TAIKOO DOCKS

CAULKING WORK at Taikoo Docks was interrupted for a day and a half beginning on Thursday afternoon when some 300 caulkers went on strike.

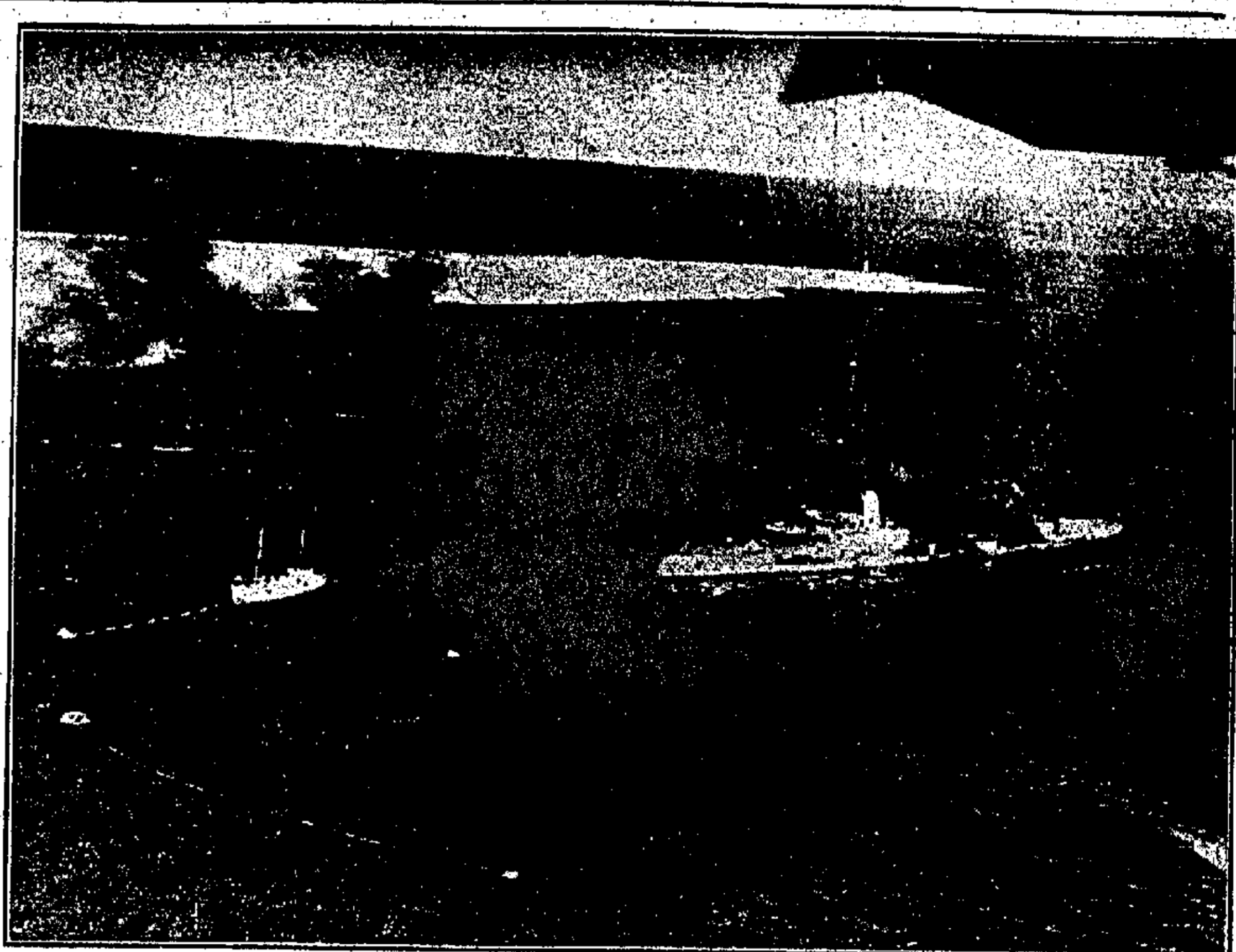
Work was, however, resumed yesterday morning and the whole matter has been settled, it was authoritatively learned yesterday.

NEW CHAIRMAN

A NEW CHAIRMAN WILL BE ELECTED FOR THE HONG KONG CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT A GENERAL MEETING NEXT MONTH.

Mr. Philip Gockchin has declined to offer himself for re-election, while the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ng Chuk-wa, J.P., has refused nomination for the chairmanship.

The Chinese business community, however, hope to persuade Mr. Ng to change his mind.



The Italian cruiser, San-Giorgio, of 9,232 tons, ablaze in Tobruk Harbour.—(Copyright, Fox.)

WAR LOAN FOR H.K. RECEIVING URGENT ATTENTION

THE POSSIBILITY of devising a satisfactory scheme to enable Hong Kong residents to invest in British war loans without going through a highly complicated process in order to obtain certificates, is receiving the most urgent attention, the "Sunday Herald" was officially informed yesterday.

"Owing to Hong Kong's position, outside the sterling area," it was explained, "there have been very great difficulties in the way of starting any war loan scheme which might not do more harm than good to the war effort."

After telegraphic correspondence with the Imperial Government, which ended only last month, it is hoped that these difficulties may now be overcome. The question has been in Government's mind for well over a year, but suggestions to the Home Government were not warmly received because of the problem of controlling the movement of Sterling Certificates outside the sterling area.

IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT GOVERNMENT IS NOT KEEN TO ENCOURAGE WAR LOAN INVESTMENT OUT OF ACCUMULATED FUNDS IN HONG KONG. OFFICIALS ARE MORE ANXIOUS TO SEE CONTRIBUTIONS BY SMALL INVESTORS OUT OF GENUINE SAVINGS FROM EXPENDITURE OF CURRENT INCOME.

It is felt that war loan investments in Hong Kong would not be specially helpful unless they represented genuine savings and a curtailment of expenditure on luxury goods, particularly of those which arrive in this Colony from points outside the sterling bloc.

COY WOMEN BARBERS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
For the last three years the Hong Kong Chinese Barbers Union has been suffering from a headache — competition from women barbers.

Everything devised to date to cure this ailment proved fruitless, but the Union has not surrendered — they are making one more effort to solve the problem.

The Union, which consists of both employers and employees, is short to be dissolved and two separate organisations — one for the employers and one for employees — are to be set up.

With separate guilds, it is hoped to persuade the women barbers to join.

Up to date the women barbers have refused to have anything to do with the Union.

FAILED 'TO CONVINCE

The defence of a student, Lam Fong, in answer to a charge of unlawful entry into a house, failed to convince Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday morning.

Accused was found guilty and sentenced to two months' hard labour. He admitted a previous conviction.

Accused claimed on Friday that a girl friend had told him that if he clapped three times, she would let him into her room, which accused said she pointed out to him as No. 10, Observatory Road.

When the signal was not forthcoming, he climbed a drainpipe and entered the house.

LANDED ON STONECUTTERS

Fifteen boatmen were charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday with landing on Stonecutters Island without permission.

Inspector R. Cunningham said that the defendants rowed to the island in three sampans. They landed on the beach and started to collect shellfish.

The Inspector said that the naval authorities asked that a serious view be taken. Defendants were each fined \$5 or 14 days' hard labour.

Beach Shed Ramp

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

"Unscrupulous profiteering" is said to be the reason for Government decision that no transfer of bathing sheds or permits will be allowed without written permission from the Director of Public Works.

The regulation has been enforced for a week, and it is stressed that contravention will result in termination of permits on a month's notice, without compensation or refund.

Yesterday, the "Sunday Herald" was informed that there has been considerable profiteering in the selling and transfer of bathing shed rights. A case was cited in which \$1,500 was paid for a shed which cost a little over \$200 to erect.

TAI HANG SQUATTERS FOR LANTAU

The squatters on the hills at Tai Hang are to be included in the Village Settlements Scheme and arrangements will be made to move them to the Lantau and Hebe Haven areas in due course.

It is understood that when the scheme bears fruit it will be possible to accommodate these squatters who will be persuaded to migrate and engage in agricultural projects.

Non-agricultural squatters who have employment in town and who earn low wages and are not in the position to pay normal rents for house accommodation will be given special consideration for admission to the Tai Hang Government Squatters Camp and the Government Refugee Camps on the mainland.

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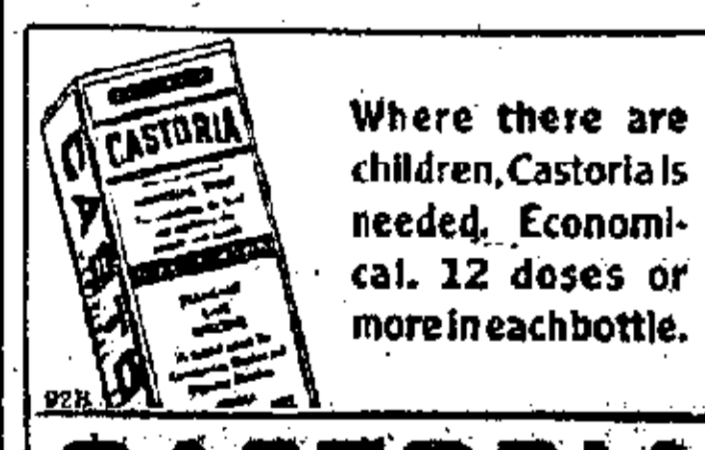
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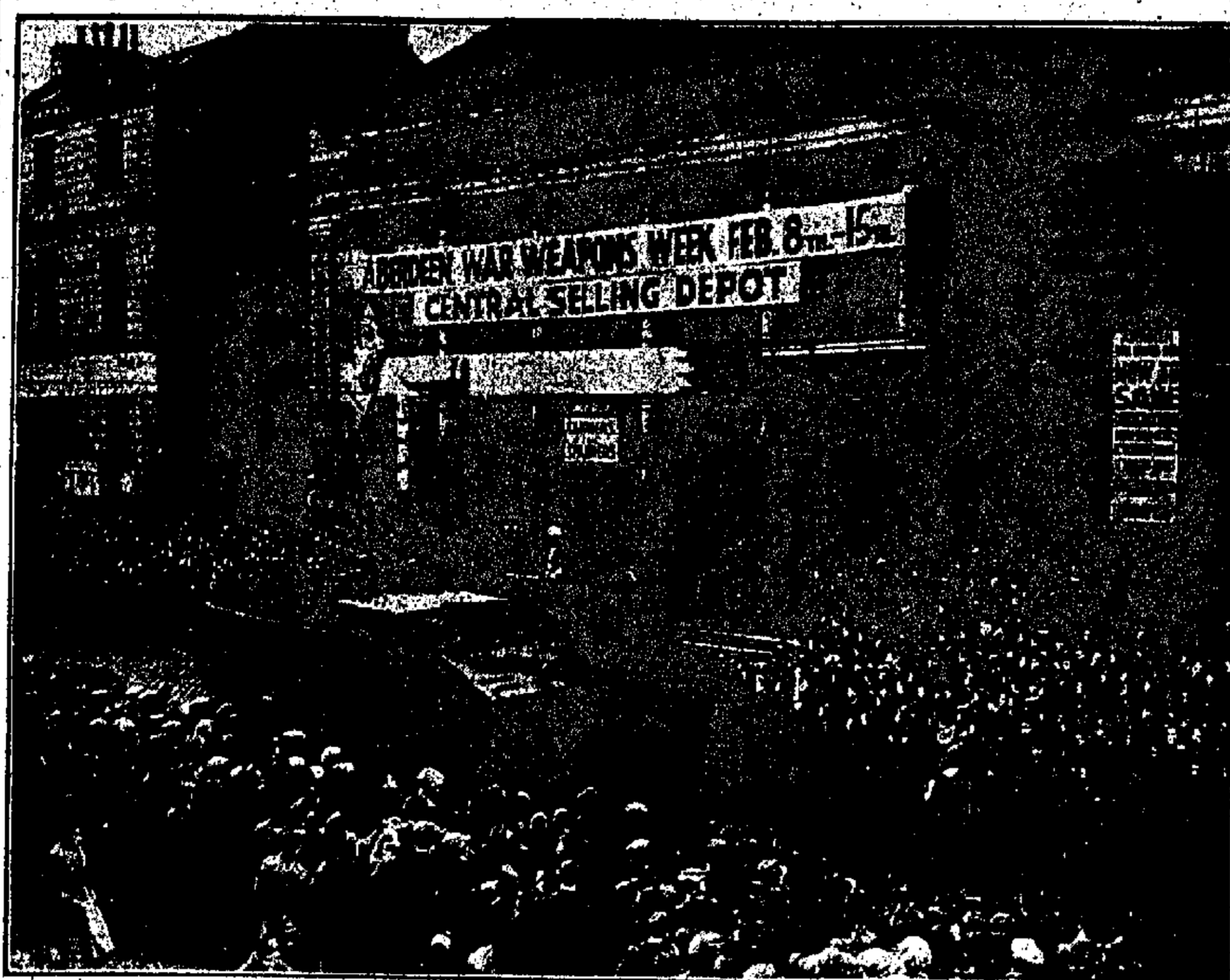
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ABERDEEN WAR WEAPONS WEEK, when Lord Provost Mitchell took the salute at a march past of units of the Forces. (Copyright, Fox.)

We all know what a worthless lot of conscientious ingrates we are in this Colony, spending more in a week on oranges than we do in a month on charitable causes. We are all perfectly well aware that if we cut down on tobacco and cigarettes, gave up drinking beer, stopped arguing over whisky sodas about evacuation, we could send more dollars to the Bomber Fund. It may be perfectly true that this Colony, far from pulling its weight — though we are not so sure that this applies to the rank and file — has been guilty of a cussedness and a curmudgeon-like parsimoniousness.

BUT if we acknowledge the errors of our ways, which after all is the first stage in the process of mending them, it is just as well for the purpose of keeping the record straight, to get rid of that strange misconception which gives the impression that there is no hue known to science black enough to give an adequate illustration of the colour of our hearts.

IT is this business of the War Weapons Weeks in England that gets us on the raw. All the contributors to this greater than thou' discussion give the idea — it surely cannot be unwittingly — that the War Weapons Weeks represent gifts by the cities, the towns and the hamlets concerned, to the war effort. They do not, of course, represent anything of the kind. They signify the brilliant achievements of war savings campaign committees in getting the citizens of their particular area to delve down into their pockets, cut their resources to the bone, in order to subscribe to war loan certificates at so much per cent.

THE cutting published yesterday from the "Observer" stated plainly enough that "The National Savings Committee announces..." We don't object to being slugged when we deserve it, as doubtless we do, but the making of these odious comparisons where none exists, gives us a sharp pinch in the neck. We could be equally odious and show Hong Kong up in the light of angels of generosity by comparison with some other centres, in the matter of outright free gifts to the war effort. After all, the Colony may have 150,000 inhabitants, but the subscribers to the Bomber Fund are drawn from a very tiny section of it.

WE haven't had a chance to have a War Weapons Week of our own, with war loan certificates as the medium. When we do, the issue can be raised again. In the meantime, what about completing that second million dollars in free donations to the Air Ministry by June 17? It would cost one of our big profit-making utility companies approximately \$100,000 if the spirit moved.

Quality Before
Quantity

THIS is the keynote of the Eugenics League's aims, but as yet it has found little acceptance in China. One of the speakers at the annual meeting on Thursday evening, said he had recently attended a Chinese wedding. There the man who performed the ceremony pronounced the blessing, "May you have as many sons as the grains of sand by the sea." It was not, perhaps, intended to be taken quite literally, but at least it is indicative of the prevailing attitude.

AS far as the rich are concerned, this must remain a matter of personal inclination, but if China in general, and Hong Kong in particular, hopes to make progress

in any direction, it is essential and urgent that the poorer classes be taught to use — and persuaded of the virtue of using — the wealth of accurate contraceptive knowledge now available.

EVEN for the wealthier, there is, at least one snag — the health of the mother. Dr. Gordon King produced an interesting chart, based on western statistics which showed that, contrary to the usual belief, it is the later, not the earlier children, which endanger the mother's life. Using the figure of 100 to represent the average maternal mortality, he demonstrates that for the first child the figure is 83, for the second 53, then it rises again to 83, 88, 104 and then steeply to over 200. The figures tend to prove that normal mothers can have four or five children, with only average danger, but that every subsequent child menaces the health and even the life of the mother in an increasing ratio.

THE League, which was founded five years ago, has now four clinics which are doing excellent work, but as yet they have scarcely touched the fringe of their important task. The slowness of their expansion is due to lack of subscriptions. Last year they totalled just \$900, a very meagre sum for a community with a social conscience.

IT should be more widely understood that the work of the Eugenics League is much more than "that one more charity." It is a vital form of insurance, once, and one which can save the community much more in hard cash, as well as in health and happiness, than any amount which is likely to be invested in it.

DR Gordon King was there, in the chair. It was humorously remarked that this ideal, on which he has set his heart would, if realised, destroy his own occupation. The same might be said of Dr. Synchronism, another of Hong Kong's well-known obstetricians. And Dr. and Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke and Dr. Rutledge — whose social activities are a byword in the Colony, were there, too. And Dr. (Mrs.) Frohner, who is in charge of the Kowloon Health Centre, in fact, the Gloucester was crowded with just those people one expects to see on such an occasion, the people who really care about the Colony's best interests.

Farewell To
Geordies

DEAN Wilson, Bishop-Elect of Singapore, is making a preparatory visit to Malaya shortly, and has already been saying his farewells in Hong Kong, though he will return here before leaving finally to take over his Diocese. At the Cumberland and Durham Association cocktail party this week it was revealed by Bishop Hall that the preference gives the Bishops of Hong Kong, Singapore and Rangoon to Tyne-side. The Dean who was largely responsible for the formation of the Durham and Cumberland Association warmly took issue with the contention recently advanced that these county associations were an unnecessary intrusion on the national societies.

He did not argue what we feel would be the main point of members of these county groups. That is, rightly or wrongly, that the national societies — thinking chiefly of St. George's — are too stiff and formal, not to put it more gently, "The free informality and frequency of small gatherings, where the dilettantes can show their mettle, and sing their country airs, gives them enthusiasm, which could not be aroused by the national societies."

by
Rex James.And To
Evacuation

DEAN Wilson also visited St. Andrew's to bid goodbye, but we still think his last farewell effort was his letter on the evacuation when he said that "until the deep-seated, mistrust of the policies and administration of the evacuation are removed by a more generous attitude of frankness on the part of the Government, the Colony will not achieve that unity of purpose which is essential to a full contribution towards the victory of our armed forces in the cause of justice and freedom." That was a very serious thing to be able to say after more than ten months, when one would think bitterness would have worn down.

WE had, in fact, been of opinion that time, as usual, had proved a healer, but several little things recently pieced together form a pattern suggesting that that is but a superficial view induced by the lull in the agitation.

Pilgrims of
The Night

IF the nightsoil coolies — contractors expected to arrange public sympathy by pilgrimages to the S.C.A., the Urban Council and Government House, they were quickly disillusioned. It was a silly business altogether, rising just about as high as the mentality which led to the advice to Luen Yik. Coolies not to register for employment with the Government. Doubtless there are some hard cases, but the Colony cannot legislate reforms guaranteed to upset no-one.

TALKING of upsetting, we gather some of the newcomers to the nightsoil service have had an accident or two, arising it would seem from the difficulty they experience in getting used to the ideal. The first fine careless rapture seems, in some instances, to have got into reverse gear.

The Stagers

NOW we hear that the rice importers are about to infringe the nightsoil guild's copyright, by raising a fuss after Government has taken its decision. They did not get much warning; that is true enough, but somebody must have known that it would require legislative sanction of some kind or other.

THE situation reminds us of a story about the Manchester bombing. Proprietor of the grocery store was clearing away the wreckage in the hope of salvaging something from the debris, when the owner of the building came along. Instead of "desirable business premises, conveniently situated" he saw a mound of rubble, with a perspiring grocer in the middle of it. It was too much. "Who does this?" he demanded imperiously.

Fine Or
Imprisonment

WITH the advent of the new Pui-sin Judge, a few cobwebs are being blown off Supreme Court procedure. This is an encouraging sign, yet whilst we applaud it, we are moved to remark that there are other aspects of the law awaiting attention.

ON Saturday morning, May 3rd, at the Central Magistracy, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., imposed on Lam Ngan-leung, an odd-job

coolie, a fine of \$50, or one month's imprisonment, for being found on enclosed premises, that is, in a dressing room in the military swimming-bath.

THE defendant was offered an alternative. He could go to prison, or he could pay a fine. But could he? To an odd-job, or indeed most coolies, \$50 represents at least three months' pay. Very likely he does not possess \$50. Therefore, in effect, he was not offered the alternative of a fine.

THERE will always be cases of abnormal poverty for which the law cannot legislate, but in all our years in Hong Kong, we cannot recollect an occasion when a person of "European" income level has been fined an amount much more than a month's salary, for the fact that such persons generally have reserves on which they can draw. We remember one occasion on which a European, found guilty of manslaughter, was fined no more, and was given six months in which to pay. Which is to say that in these cases a fine, though often inconvenient to the culprit, can usually be met.

IN the case of Lam, however, the size of the fine seemed to be designed so that, whilst the formalities of the law were observed, he should not be able to avail himself of it. This is, of course, just one of many such cases, but it serves to point out what appears, to a layman, to be a distinct gap in the principle of equality of all citizens in the eyes of the law.

Tax-Dodgers?

THE view, loudly and persistently expressed, that men with evacuated families should have special income-tax treatment has to be convincing. Decent and reasonable people are unanimous in censuring the discrimination that has accompanied the evacuation. The name of "evacu-dodgers" justly sums up the evaders, but now some of the others are inviting the title of "tax-dodgers."

LAST week, in a letter from home, a friend described his financial circumstances. His salary is \$500 a year. He works in the City and his wife and family have been evacuated to the country. He allows them \$410 per week and, after he has paid his income tax, has £3.10 per week for himself. Out of this he has to provide himself with digs and clothing, pay his fares to the city and for his lunches there. Cigarettes are 10d for ten. He has to pay a fearsome purchase tax on most of the things he buys, plus the duties on cigarettes, drinks, if he can afford any, etc., etc.

ACTUALLY, this particular man has not yet had either his home or his office bombed, but he stands an excellent chance of having it happen. The food he can get is severely restricted, and he is suffering from sleepless nights and perpetual black-outs. The tone of his letter, it may be added, is perfectly cheerful. We began by saying he has an income of £500 a year. But in England this implies a job well above the average. What about those on lower income-levels? And how does this pile with the state of affairs in Hong Kong?

THERE is no lack of sympathy for those whose homes have been broken up. But those few who imagine that this sympathy should take the form of lessening the small war effort we have been asked to make, have not thought deeply nor hard enough.

Russia

THERE have always been eager students of international affairs, but it was not till the accession of Hitler that ordinary people perceived how great was their effect on their own lives. At general elections they were called on to decide their country's foreign policy, and they did so cheerfully without the faintest notion what it was all about. After 1933 the public attitude changed. Books of the John Gunther, Walter Duranty, Pierre Van Paasens type were certain of a ready sale; which is to say, people wanted to know what was happening, but they wanted their information in a pre-digested form, with opinions attached ready-made. Now they have gone a step further. They are more avid than ever for education in world affairs, but now they are prepared to do a little of the thinking themselves.

IT is a very real need in England to-day, and Penguin books are playing an important part in supplying it. How often have we all wished, since war began, that we knew more about the people of Greece, the geography of their country, their way of life, what factors predisposed to make them such fine soldiers? Now that Turkey seems next in line for the axe, don't we wish that all our vague and disconnected bits of inaccurate knowledge had a more solid and satisfying basis? If this is true, it is true of Greece, Turkey, Egypt, and the Italian colonies, too, it is much more so of Russia. For by the long run, however events may finally shape themselves, Russia is destined to play a vital role in the making of current history.

BOOKS there are plenty on Russia, but, until now, all that have come into our hands have had the fatal flaw of bias. Whether the writer has suffered from Communist Diagonia or reactionary cataract, the effect has been the same. But here at last is a book that answers many of our questions without attempting to infect us with whatever prejudices the author may possess. It is in the Penguin Special series and is called just "Russia." Its author is Bernard Paris, Professor of Russian in London University and one of England's most eminent authorities on that country.

IN the first ninety pages the author gives rapid sketches of the country's geography, of the influences which have helped to form the national character, of their cultural background, of the Old Russia, of the rise of liberal ideas.

THERE is a chapter on Russia during the war of 1914-18 showing how the seeds of revolution, long planted, were fertilised and nourished by military and governmental incompetence. The writer performs something of a feat in compressing into eighty pages the whole course of Soviet history, from the revolution to the appearance of the arch-enemy, Hitler.

THE remainder of the book is devoted to the events that led up to the present war, with special reference to Russia's part in it. If the earlier chapters have been read with reasonable attention, the clue to her apparently Machiavellian role will be much easier to discover. Lastly there is a chapter on "Russia's War Policy," and though it does not provide us with a final answer, it does much in assisting us to find one for ourselves.

IT is written in a pleasant, flowing style and, whilst it is interspersed with pointed and witty anecdotes, it sticks to the subject throughout. It has long been our contention that a book can be erudite without being boring; unfortunately, erudition and a readable style seldom seem to go together. This is one of the exceptions. We read it in two sittings, and put it back on the bookshelf with a sense of having achieved something. Our only complaint is with the rather like several maps, all of them better than the one provided, but perhaps this is too much to expect at the price.

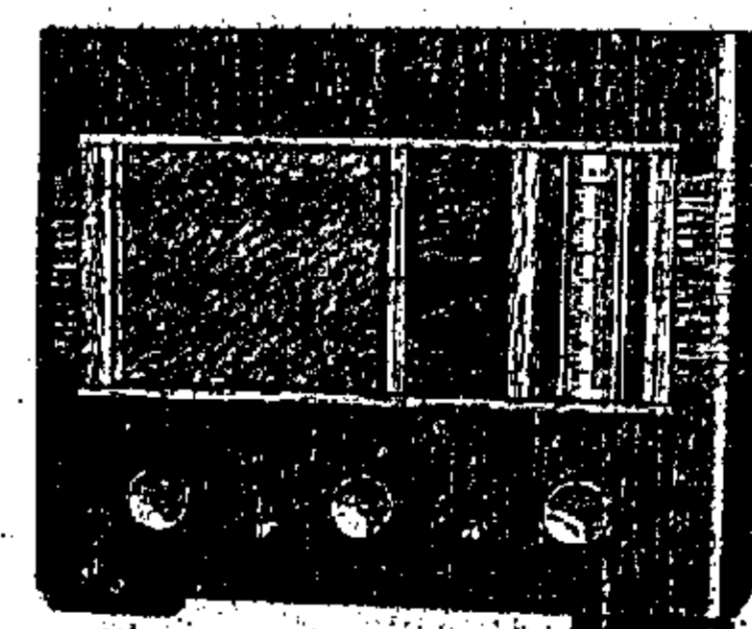
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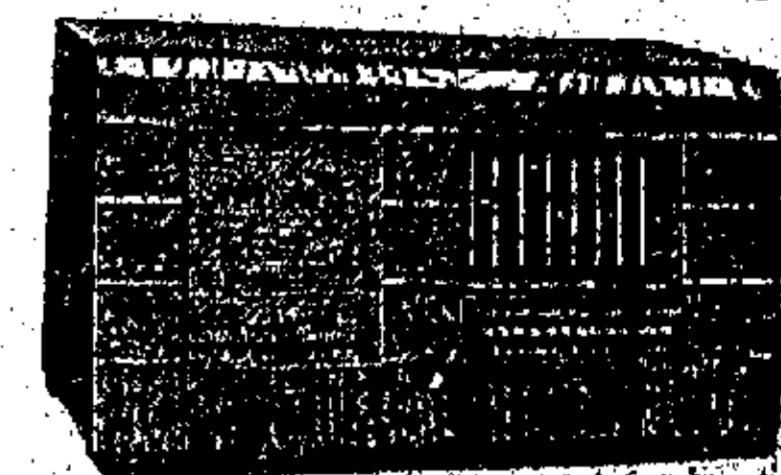
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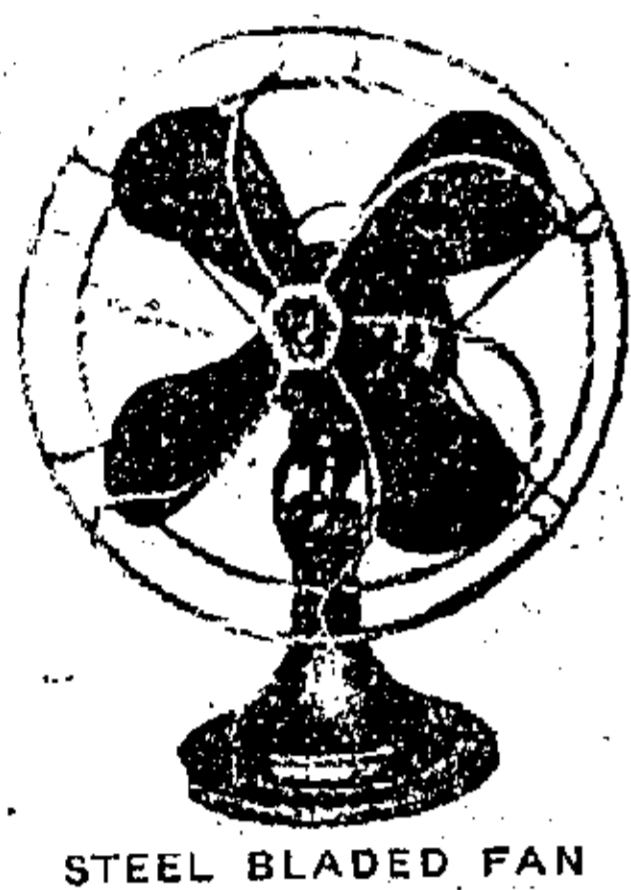
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Britons Are In Grimmer Mood

There is a story going the rounds of a cholerick Member of Parliament who obtained an audience with Churchill for the sole purpose of demanding that the Royal Air Force concentrate all its bombing strength on raids on Berlin. As Mr. Churchill blandly turned aside the suggestion, the M.P.'s temper rose. He pounded on a desk and shouted, "My constituents demand that the people of Berlin be made to realise the horrors and hardships of these indiscriminate raids."

"Ah, my friend," Mr. Churchill replied, "your supporters should remember it is a good rule to keep business before pleasure."

Cleavage Of Ideas

Whether the conversation actually occurred is unimportant, because the story accurately and graphically reflects a growing schism between the grim determination of the British High Command to follow out a mapped air, sea and land campaign, aimed at crippling, disarming and starving the enemy, and the insistence of the population that the Germans receive a monstrous dose of their own tactics.

These people did not grumble when in the war's early stages the British High Command swapped leaflets for bombs. They remained buoyant when German raiders began raining fire and destruction on the United Kingdom's cities while the Royal Air Force concentrated on war stores, bases and like objectives. Then they thought of war as waged against the symbol of Reichsfuehrer Hitler rather than against the German people. Now their mood is in pro-

cess of change to a cold, implacable, destructive hatred directed not only against Herr Hitler and his war machine but against the German people as well. Just now it is spreading with accelerated pace and increasing intensity and the nature of the government being what it is, even under war conditions it seems inevitable that it will eventually envelop the High Command.

Public Decision Apparent

In the opinion of some people, one small evidence of that has already been offered in the raid on Berlin's Unter den Linden. This was undertaken purely as a sop to public pressure. It has now been answered by what Herr Hitler has called a retaliatory raid on London, which is now regarded as the heaviest and most devastating the city has witnessed since the war's onset. It would be only natural for an undecided people to reconsider their desires concerning Berlin and slack off on their demands for civilian raids on Germany. But there is no indecision.

The bitter hatred of people for people which has always been one of the uglier and more-tasting corollaries of war, thus now is springing up fast. In previous wars it was necessary to inculcate it on the home front by propaganda methods. In the last war the time and energy of many minds were spent in concealing and spreading atrocious stories so the people on the home front would be induced to turn their energy and hate into furthering a total war effort. The reason for doing so then was that the home folks were remote from the front and therefore unappreciative of the full danger and inclined to laxity and indifference. Air warfare has changed all that and, as

far as this island is concerned, at any rate enemy bombs have had more hate-inspiring power than any amount of propaganda.

Aside from the small concessions the strategists of the War Office, the Admiralty and the Cabinet have remained singularly unmoved by the popular pressure. At least partly, this is attributable to the fact that recent developments have filled their minds with more urgent and immediate worries.

Among them the mood of the last few weeks has been that of men dealing gingerly with deli-

Says
Craig
Thompson

cately dangerous matters. They have been wary and deeply concerned.

Operations in Greece

For weeks prior to the announcement, it was known in London that British, Australian and New Zealand troops were streaming to Greece while the supply lines of the African armies grew long and thin. These factors brought on a period of tense hope that all would be carried out without mishap.

Optimism came when the Navy swept the Italians off the eastern part of their "Mare Nostrum," because it meant that the vital overseas supply lines were less likely to be menaced. Similarly, tension and gloom gave way to hope when Yugoslavia—which seemed likely to give herself up to the Axis without a struggle—about-faced in a fighting position. There was never

any real belief that the Yugoslavs could actually halt the Germans, but it was a situation in which every minute's delay increased the strength of the British forces' position, and as things are now going that is suitable ground for a few hours of excellent optimism.

As the unsuspected strength of the German drive eastward across North Africa began to be revealed, on came a new time for gloom, which lifted a little when it began to appear that the continuance of forces at Tobruk would afford a base of strength by which the long, thin line of enemy supplies could be constantly hampered and possibly disrupted.

Battle Of Atlantic

Similarly in important places the rise and fall of optimism attends each fresh item of the far-flung Battle of the Atlantic. Added up, all this means that current events are the busy source of the official mood and of broods of two varieties—hope and concern.

For reasons that are fairly apparent, comparatively little of this constant flux trickles downward to the mass of the population. Generally, these people are pretty busy cleaning up from bombs; which are ticklish and dangerous and subject to the possibility of disaster. One must be a very careful reader to find bad news in his newspaper, because although it is there it is always subordinated to items that are often of secondary importance but give a glow of hope, valour or glory to the day's headlines.

It all means that the British mood now current, is a growing hatred for the German people among the lower and middle classes and a tenacious hope in the governing one. It must never be forgotten, however, that the main spring of hope comes from the lease-lend law and the general picture of increasing American aid. Nowadays one seldom hears anybody repeating that old assurance that "we don't need American man power as long as we can get the tools of war."

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SPAIN'S WAR INTEREST

Precisely at the time when British reverses in the Balkans and Africa seemed to be approaching their climax, the Madrid press suddenly began to express its concern about Anglo-American intentions in regard to Portugal.

To students of Nazi technique this had a familiar ring. Just before things began to happen German newspapers likewise were concerned about what the British were up to in Norway, Greece, Yugoslavia and the rest.

Wave Of Iberian Jitters

If Portugal would be useful to the British, Portugal and Spain together would be even more useful to the Germans, plus the fact that Portuguese harbours and those of North-western Spain would provide excellent bases from which to intensify the submarine and land attacks on British shipping.

The Strait of Gibraltar would be equally useful to Hitler. Although Britain has been supplying her Near Eastern forces principally via the Red Sea, the sealing up of the western gateway to the Mediterranean Sea would render the Gibraltar squadron useless and seriously press British power all the way to the Dardanelles.

As her reward for not falling in with Britain's plans, it is said, Spain can legitimately expect after the war the restoration of Gibraltar—a thorn stuck in the living flesh of Spain—and some parts, at least of the French African Empire. Moreover, as a partner in the Axis' new world order, she would be in a position to press more intensely her plans to revive her influence in South and Central America, Cuba and perhaps even the Philippines.

Even apart from ideology, Germany and Italy would have found it easier to get along with a Spain now more than ever conscious of her decline from her once commanding position as a mistress of two worlds. For France, Britain and finally the United States all played their part in taking Spain's possessions away from her; Germany and Italy have never grabbed anything from Spain, and Spaniards can reflect with satisfaction upon the great old days when Charles V was German Emperor and a Spanish Bourbon ruled Naples and Sicily.

Italy's stand was considerably stronger here than Germany's for the early leaders of the Falange all went on pilgrimages to Rome, and Mussolini was more prompt and more generous with armed help for General Franco when the Civil War broke out.

Failure Brings Failure

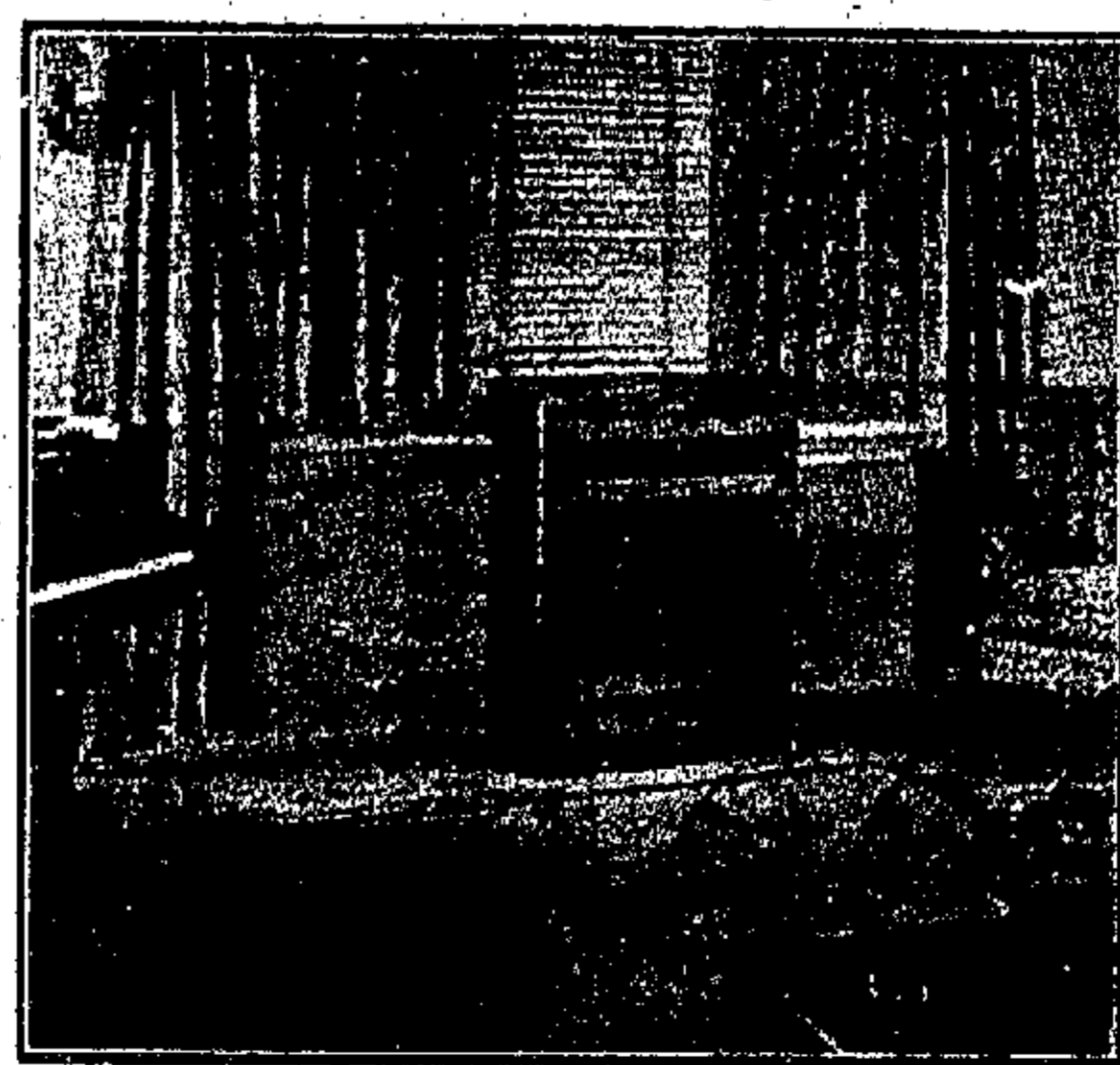
But the Italian reverses in Africa—which were foreshadowed by their defeat at Guadalajara during the Spanish Civil War—have virtually destroyed Italian influence. "Full moral support and sympathy" was all that Signor Mussolini got when he appealed to General Franco before the Germans went to his help.

German influence, on the contrary, which was strong during the latter part of the Civil War, is now greater than ever. The collapse of France, which brought German troops to the frontier last June, is the most important fact in Spain's recent history.

During the Winter the pause in Germany's triumphal march, Spain's food shortage and the increasing likelihood that the United States would get into the war all held Spain to her policy of pro-Axis non-belligerency. Now, however, the rulers of Spain have had their confidence in Germany's victory, regardless of what the United States may do, confirmed.

Their affection and admiration for Germany are by no means shared by the Spanish people, who are still suffering intensely from the effects of the Civil War and do not want any more. In a totalitarian State public opinion does not count for much but so far has been decisive.

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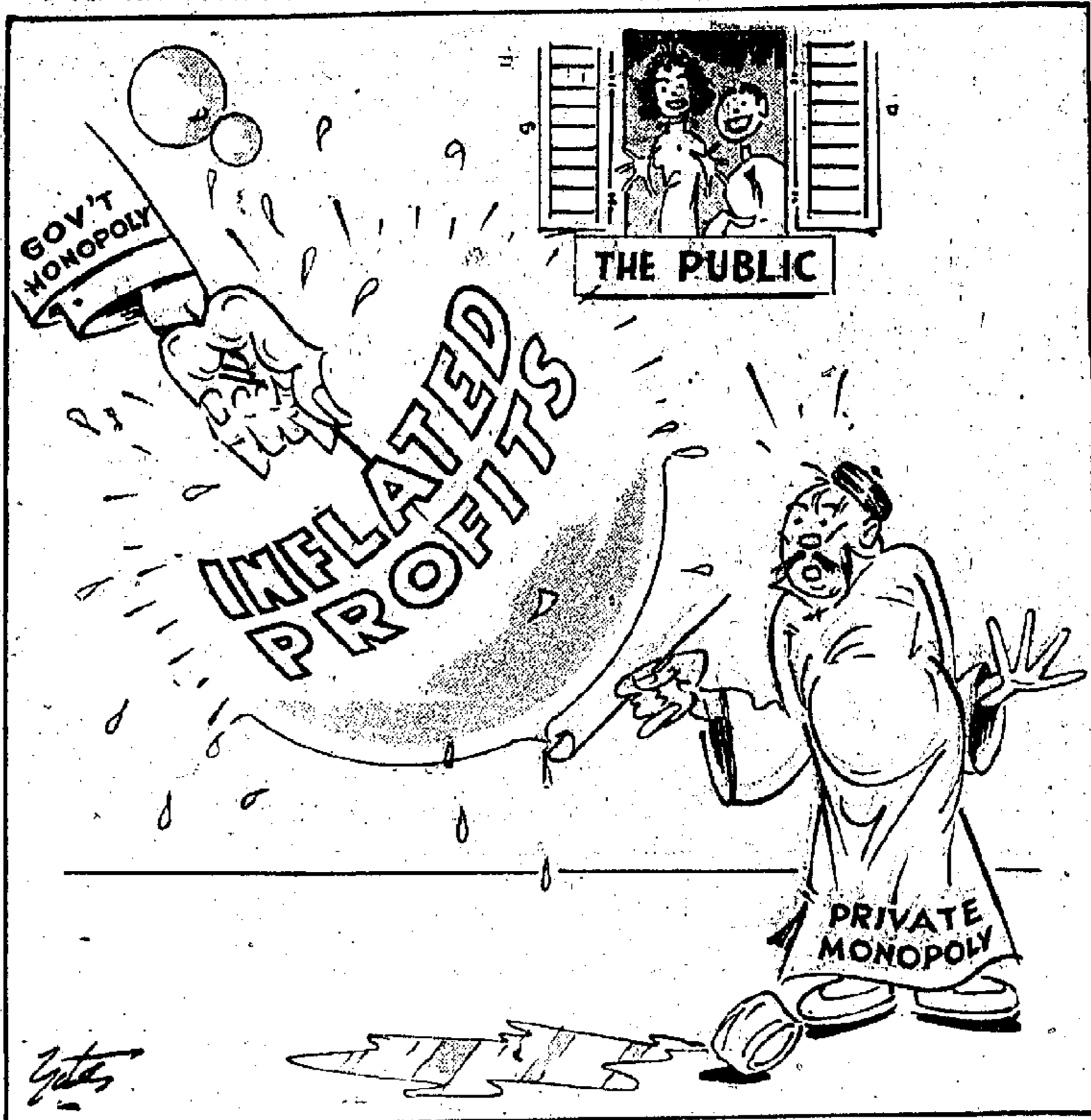
RICE MONOPOLY

While, possibly, it is a little too soon for Government to relax in self-congratulation upon the absence of opposition to its most noteworthy war measure, the creation of a rice monopoly, passage of the empowering regulation through Legislative Council without dissentient voice was both interesting and gratifying. The Colony being constituted in the manner it is, the measure demanded no small courage because, there can be no argument, it involved a very sharp breach with many traditions regarded as almost sacrosanct, and drastic interference in a primary trade of the Colony's merchants—a distinction without a great deal of difference. The overriding consideration was that private enterprise had forfeited public confidence. Trade in rice involves a commodity which represents the staple article of diet of the great mass of the population, but this simple fact, with its tremendous social significance, seems to have impressed speculators and profiteers chiefly as a Heaven-sent opportunity to capitalise upon the rise in freights and growing shipping difficulties. This, unfortunately, was facilitated, in some measure, by the necessity of creating a war stock reserve within the terms of the Essential Commodities Ordinance, 1939, which virtually had the effect of presenting monopolistic control to the Nam Pak Hong on a plate. While, therefore, it is a little difficult to believe that those who have been harvesting these many moons will accept the abrupt curtailment of their activities unprotestingly, it would be surprising had they not detected the red light as the agreement expiry date approached. Warning signs were plentiful enough, none more meaningful than the fixing of standardised wholesale prices as well as retail prices. Yet the history of price fixing expedients has been one, largely, of vain official efforts to combat evasion. In the circumstances, the drastic step taken in remedy is unlikely to create sympathy for those who may now suffer damage.

There could never have been any doubt of the reception accorded by the public at large. Thought of those accustomed to the terminology of Marxian theorists swiftly went to the phrase "expropriation of the expropriators" and delighted in it. Those of more sober constitution applauded the scheme, wishfully, as the forerunner of a really comprehensive system of food control and price fixing. Further instalments may indeed be ahead; but meanwhile it is comfortably reassuring to have evidence that this Government will not hesitate at the firmest measures of control when conditions arise to justify them.

HIT-OR-MISS

That a great many mistakes have been made in the hurry to put the new tax on toilet preparations into operation seems to be confessed by the speedy revision of the schedule, the change in definition of toilet preparations, and the hint by the Financial Secretary that further adjustments may have to be made later. Difficulties unforeseen may be expected to crop up in the introduction of an entirely new tax and the trial and error method is not, perhaps, to be condemned out of hand. Nevertheless, there has been a vagueness about the whole business which is most unsatisfactory, and the injection into the scheme of what seems to be a form of Imperial Preference is not the least of its undesirable features. Particularly disturbing is the official acknowledgment that it is not known how many articles are affected by the ruling that substances in the British Pharmacopoeia are not to pay duty. Not only is there to be discrimination in taxation, apparently, but it is to be of the hit-or-miss variety.



THE BUBBLE BURST

German Gains

The expected Spring campaigns have started. Germany's successes have been far more rapid and more extensive than anticipated; Suez and the British position in the Middle East are threatened, and the future course of the war has consequently been affected. But the citadel of England still stands, battered but unbreached.

The Axis Spring offensive naturally divides itself into three main campaigns—the Campaign of the Mediterranean, the Campaign of Britain, which is the "battle of bombs," and the Campaign of the Atlantic, or the battle of ships. There is, in addition a fourth, but for the most part, a quiet front, where diplomatic and political pressure rather than military operations are framing the shape of things—the Far East.

Retreat Of Allies

The gamble in Greece, it had been understood, was one against long odds. But it was a gamble that had to be taken, no matter how much it might be criticised on the grounds that it was a justifiable gamble, under a resolute of it Suez, too, is lost. Britain, for reasons of morale and prestige, because Greece and Yugoslavia could not be abandoned and a free path to a cowed Turkey given to Hitler, had to send troops to Greece.

Moreover, the mere dispatch of these troops accomplished something. They forced Herr Hitler to fight in the Balkans, something he had tried to avoid; they upset for the duration of hostilities and for an appreciable period thereafter his supply lines, there ensued an unknown number of German casualties and an expenditure of effort (the latter an important factor in a long-drawn-out war of attrition develops), and to a certain extent probably upset Herr Hitler's Spring timetable.

Against the advantages thus gained in the Greek gamble must be weighed the disadvantages of the defeat. Those disadvantages it is as yet impossible to assess accurately.

Morale and prestige and the attitude of the Moslem world, the attitude of America and the course of events in the Far East are being shaped in the crucible of conflict.

In North Africa in particular there is a tangible and major prize—the Suez Canal and the naval

base at Alexandria. Though the Axis drive is still halted at the borders of Egypt, there is no doubt that the Nazi Panzer divisions still constitute a major threat to Britain's position in the Near East. It is a continuing threat.

Moreover, the North African drive is only one arm—though the most important arm—of a pincer movement. The other arm is in the Balkans, and that arm cannot be expected to close until the Germans have won completely and finally in Greece and stand unopposed upon the Dardanelles, en route to Asia Minor. Turkey is in the way of this pincer drive, but the diplomatic "heat" is already upon Turkey.

It is this picture—the whole, broad picture of the war—rather than the Mediterranean alone which paints the future in sombre tones for England, unless England receives far more aid than she is receiving to-day. Britain might lose the Mediterranean and would still survive, though in that case many observers believe that the Axis would then be blockaded. But the Mediterranean can, important though that struggle is, is only one aspect of a totalitarian, world-wide war.

Foundation Facts

The basic factors in that war are, and have been, unchanged in recent months. Britain has command of the sea, but it is a tenuous and inadequate command; it is the one great British advantage. Germany still has numerical superiority in the air, and five times Britain's strength on land. The blockade has undoubtedly had effect on Germany's (and particularly Italy's) war potential, but bombings and blockades are weapons of attrition and time and Germany is trying to win the war before they can have effect.

Whether she can do so or not depends in some part upon the Campaign of the Mediterranean, in some part upon the "Battle of Bombs," in large part upon the Campaign of the Atlantic. It depends on Germany's (and particularly Italy's) war potential, upon the help of the United States, which day by day and week by week assumes a larger and larger importance of the conflict. For in one very definite sense the war has become a race between German Panzer divisions, planes and submarines, and public opinion in the United States. Germany is trying to win—either by complete and crushing conquest, or by making herself virtually impregnable against attack—before American aid evolves from passive to active measures.

Battle Of Ideas:

U.S. Will

By Leonard Engel

Convoy Ships

THE news about convoys—American convoys for Britain-bound ships in the Atlantic—is that they're in.

With British shipping losses this spring mounting toward a monthly average of nearly 600,000 tons, Administration policy-makers have become convinced of the need for decisive action to counter the German sea offensive. Convoys are the most obvious answer, and more and more key officials are becoming committed to them.

Just when the Navy will be asked to begin escorting North Atlantic merchantmen, however, is yet undetermined for several reasons.

Several other developments will have to take place. Revision of the neutrality act to permit American cargo boats to carry arms and supplies to the British Isles is an example. It would hardly make sense to escort English vessels, yet continue to limit U.S. aid by maintaining the present restrictions on American shipping.

Convoys, however, though most

important, are only part of the answer to Nazi war at sea. Convoys deal effectively with the U-boat menace. But, curiously enough, although U-boats alone account for about half the British shipping losses, the undersea raiders are not causing as much concern among Washington experts as the Luftwaffe's air attacks on shipping.

German bombers at present account for only one-fourth the Allied tonnage sunk. Sinking figures, however, do not present an adequate picture. For the Stukas, Heinkels, Dorniers and long-range four-motored Focke-Wulf Kuriers damage more shipping than they sink.

As summer approaches, and the days become longer, moreover, the number of ships sunk by bombs, entirely aside from those damaged, is going up. These figures alarm Washington because nobody knows what to do about the air raiders this year. The official words are full of schemes, but none can be made really effective now, and this is the year that counts. Consequent-

ly, a good many people are perfectly willing to let the convoy question slide for a while—they know that Adm. Ernest King's Atlantic Fleet of 150 combatant vessels plus 100 to 200 more escort craft which the Navy has available, can cope with the submarine menace in cooperation with the British, any time they want to. Britain still has some millions of tons of shipping above her minimum requirements. In the meantime, the experts are concentrating on the search for an antidote to the air raiders.

Here are some of the proposed ways of dealing with air attacks on shipping:

Construction of auxiliary aircraft carriers with a capacity of perhaps 20 to 30 fighters; each. These would accompany convoys. The Navy is already converting a new cargo-passenger vessel which it has taken over, the SS Mormacmail, as an experiment. Objection: it would be at least a year or two years before any number of these will be available. Use of regular aircraft carriers

THIS WEEK

Mr. Stimson's forthright speech marks another historical turning point in this war. America's active intervention is now only a question of When. If there was ever any doubt in the mind of Hitler as to the real meaning of the declared policy of the United States to act as the arsenal of democracy, that doubt must now have been removed. Mr. Stimson has made it crystal clear that it is not America's intention to produce vast quantities of finely finished weapons only to have them sunk in the Atlantic. His speech proclaimed that the United States has gone far beyond the stage of words, that the stage of action has been reached, that it is the intention to take very practical steps to ensure that Britain will not lose the Battle of the Atlantic.

Facing Up To The Issues

The form that action will take remains to be decided. But Mr. Stimson, in his blunt study of the factors vital to victory, demanded the full use of the world's sea lanes in cooperation with the Royal Navy. He looked the issues straight in the face. It were better to fight now in alliance than later in isolation. The result of the Battle of the Atlantic—and therefore the future of American safety in the Atlantic and the Pacific—may hinge upon it. The vital decision to accept the responsibility rests with the President, but Mr. Stimson could not have been speaking without the President's full approval.

Britain's Shipping Losses

Anti-interventionist sentiment has inevitably responded vigorously. And it was necessary for the British Government to challenge the accuracy of figures of British shipping losses put out by Senator Vandenberg, obviously designed to suggest that Mr. Stimson and Mr. Wilkie, whose Freedom Rally speech was equally forceful in demand for convoys, were seeking to panic America into participation. The official figures published yesterday destroyed that straw of the isolationists. Well over 400,000 tons of shipping was sunk during April. The United States cannot fail to see what this implies and compels. There is continued sinister disparity between sinkings and the capacity to replace. As days grow longer, the figures, already more dangerous, relatively, than in 1941, must be expected to increase.

America's Answer

The issue posed by Administration leaders for the United States is plain enough. Either the policy of President Roosevelt must be pursued earnestly, and nothing be permitted to deflect the effort from the goal. Or the Lindberghs must have their way, and the totally easy course for a neutral in such a situation be taken, that of postponing action and hoping for the best. What the answer will be cannot be in doubt. There is plentiful evidence that what the experts maintain with conviction, the great mass of the nation feels by instinct—that the United States cannot, for a moment, take the risk of the loss of the Battle of the Atlantic.

Mr. Churchill's Vote Of Confidence

While President Roosevelt was feeling the pulse of America, the House of Commons was discussing the conduct of the war in an extremely critical mood, though devoid of wild fanaticism. The debate concerned chiefly with the reverses in the Middle East, the adequacy of the intelligence services, and suggestions that the production effort demanded more vigour and energy. Mr. Churchill answered the critics with another of his inimitable speeches, frank in its admissions of mistakes, where they have occurred, taking a bolder and longer view than seems to be within the compass of lesser men, and, leaving no doubt that at no point has the Government under-estimated the relentless conditions of success. His vote of confidence by the

whole House except three was certain long before he had finished.

Hitler's Nightmare

Hitler also made a speech. And it was the most interesting he has made for a long time. The demagogue who promised Germany complete victory over England in 1940, and then, when that failed, a smashing triumph in 1941, found himself discussing the necessity for enlisting every available man and woman in Germany at a more intense pressure than ever before to provide the weapons for the campaign of 1941! The tremendous potentiality of the war machine, swiftly developing in the United States plainly represents Hitler's greatest pre-occupation. He will spare none to keep his present lead in armaments, but he calls Germany to a battle it can never win.

Complicated Pattern

Whole Hitler will next strike in a snatching effort to establish himself before the weight of American aid can be brought to bear cannot easily be detected in a complicated pattern of Nazi activity. Admiral Darlan runs to and fro between Vichy and Paris, and concludes an agreement with some curious clauses, while Marshal Petain suns himself at his villa in Cannes. General Lord Gort arrives in Istanbul. British residents in Istanbul are given final warning to seek a safer clime. Josef Stalin, for the first time since he became Russia's Dictator, assumes an official position in the Government and takes over the Premiership.

Stalin's Precaution

Stalin's move has excited liveliest comment, but speculation on the imminence of a dramatic change in Soviet policy needs to be treated with the greatest reserve. Most obvious explanation is that the approach of a crisis in the affairs of the Soviet has induced him to centralise control in his own hands, but it would be unsafe to predict the direction of his policy as the situation develops.

Darlan's Dilemma

Full explanation of what Mr. Churchill described as the "sad and squalid tale of what is going on at Vichy" is still lacking. Rumour has indulged in wild extravagances, but there is no evidence that the French have accomplished Vichy's second fateful betrayal by consenting to German use of the French Fleet or colonial bases. Nor yet, as far as can be detected, has he consented to passage for German mechanised columns into Spain. It is evident enough that he has consented to full cooperation of French industrial plant with the German war machine and to repair of German submarines by French workmen. No-one who has watched Hitler for long will suppose this to be the limit of his demands.

Aerial Blitz Intensified

Britain has taken an aerial blitzkrieg on a scale indicative of German fury at developments in America. Livery has not passed a night without assault; Glasgow has taken heavy blows; Plymouth, Bristol, London and the Humber area have all suffered heavily in varying degrees. The effort has not, however, been without its cost and its recompenses from Britain's viewpoint. The night-fighters are beginning to take severe toll. More than a hundred bombers have been shot down by Hawkes and DeHavillands, and three since the beginning of May and the cumulative effect seems to have been that the Luftwaffe decided against taking to the air in any strength while the moon continues at its height. With the Luftwaffe virtually grounded, the R.A.F. was carrying out its heavier raid of the war, comparing in violence with Goering's worst. Hamburg and Bremen, the chief targets, will not forget these attacks in a hurry.

The Desert Air

In North Africa, the Germans are learning that it takes more than training in air-raid tactics to produce the aptitude for desert warfare. Problems of supply, of water, of petrol for mechanised troops, of munitions, were bound to be acute over the tedious 1,000-mile line from Tripoli to Soltana, and while it was possible to supply a moving column of tanks from the air to keep them going while the initial impetus was still there, the method is impracticable to meet the new phase of operations. It is too soon to say anything for granted, but nothing has occurred to change the view that General Wavell can concede the Western Desert to the Germans, with his compliments, during an Egyptian June, July and August.

In Smoke

We suggested last week that Raschid Ali had pulled the trigger too soon to permit Hitler to implement the promises of his agents in Iraq. His Air Force is now hors de combat; the military situation seems to be well under control, and still there is no sign that the Germans can bring Raschid Ali any relief. Reports that he has fled from Baghdad have not been authoritatively confirmed, but the tactics of the Middle East Command suggest complete abandonment of any early liquidation of the upheaval.

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VOTE FOR CONVOYS

A VOTE FOR WAR

SHANGHAI APPLAUDS H.K. ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
Shanghai trading circles hail the Hong Kong Government action in taking complete control of rice sales.
The Hong Kong monopoly, they believe, will bring inestimable relief to the rice-starved millions of Shanghai. — International News Service.

LARGE-SCALE U.S. MANOEUVRES

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
Large-scale manoeuvres are scheduled to take place in the United States by September, according to a message from Washington.
Major-General Thomas Richardson, in an interview, stated that the manoeuvres will be one of the largest ever taken place in the United States. — International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

DEMANDS THAT THE U.S. NAVY CONVOY MUNITION SHIPS TO BRITAIN HAVE DEVELOPED POWERFUL OPPOSITION IN THE SENATE AMID CONFLICTING OPINION WHETHER PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WOULD ORDER CONVOYS WITHOUT CONSULTING CONGRESS.

The Republican leader, Senator McNary, who voted for the Lease and Lend Bill, declared against convoys.

He added the President should consult Congress before taking action.

Senator George, Democratic Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, voiced the opinion that the President would consult Congress if he believes convoys are necessary.

HE DECLARED, "IF THE PRESIDENT PROPOSES CONVOYS I WILL EXAMINE THE PROPOSAL TO GET AT THE FACTS. BUT PERSONALLY I AM NOT PREPARED TO VOTE FOR CONVOYS, UNLESS I'M PREPARED TO VOTE FOR WAR."

Senator Walsh, Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee, took a similar view. — International News Service.

British Losses

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
British April shipping losses, 108 ships of a total of 488,124 tons sunk, is a new record.

Highest previous mark was in June, 1940, when 469,000 tons were sunk. This period included the Dunkirk retreat. — International News Service.

Mr. Menzies' Warning

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
The full resources of American industry must be mobilised for Britain to win the war in a reasonable time, Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Premier, told pressmen in Washington.
Mr. Menzies said, "Winning this war is not a part-time job." — International News Service.

Already In

The "San Francisco Chronicle" in an editorial, says: "No thinking person who read Colonel Stimson's speech, can escape the conclusion that we not only are going to have to fight the Axis powers but that we are already doing so."
"That has been decided for us by the Axis. We are not afraid to fight the Axis alone, but the one light thing is to do it now when we are not alone."

The Galveston "Daily News" says: "What Hitler overlooks is that fact that while we are arguing among ourselves we are getting ready for war—and never in American history has war failed to follow war-like preparations."

"The Dictators are free with their threats against the United States, but they are not so free to face the prospect of war with a nation which snatched victory from the Central Powers in 1918."

Sullen Peoples

The "New York World Telegram" says: "Under the Nazis is a sullen, sullen people of sullen peoples all over Europe. Taking Europe, Germany is still short and will be short in world, which is essential for mixing with substitutes of rubber, lubricating oils and animal fats."

"Britain must be considered as an outpost of the air-base supplied from the United States. The United States Steel Corporation alone is producing now at a rate equal to the total rate of all Germany when war began."

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Calling Up Plan Modified

In the hope of avoiding calling up men under 19 the Ministry of Labour and National Service has decided to register men by half yearly classes as they become 19.

Thus men born in the first half of 1922 and becoming 19 in the first half of 1941, will be registered in or soon after July, 1941. Those becoming 19 in the second half of 1941 will be registered in or soon after January, 1942, and so on for men born in 1923.

The policy naturally is subject to change at any moment of the exigencies of war.

As regards students over 19 at universities and other places of higher education those now reserved will continue to be reserved provided they make satisfactory progress in their studies and become members of a senior training corps or of the Air Training Corps.

Exemption from the latter requirement will be granted in certain exceptional circumstances. Arrangements are being to defer calling up apprentices in essential trades until completion of apprenticeship or alternatively until they reach the age of 20. — British Wireless.



Expert workmen at Eton College, which has been severely damaged in raids, endeavouring to restore, as far as possible, parts of historical interest, by reassembly of the pieces.

STRONGER GERMAN PROTEST

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
Germany's second protest to the United States against the seizure of two German freighters, taken over by U.S. Coastguards with 28 Italian ships on March 30, was couched in stronger terms.

The new Note, protesting against the seizures, said the German Government reserved all rights on behalf of the shipowners.

This condition, not mentioned in the first Note, was made in order to enable the Nazi owners to launch claims for compensation for the value of the vessels.

The new protest was revealed after the Attorney-General, Mr. Robert Jackson, cracking down on Italian and German saboteurs, demanded drastic prison terms for all alien seamen convicted of wrecking Axis ships in U.S. waters. — International News Service.

COMMUNICATIONS INTERRUPTED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
Communications between Iraq and French Mandated Syria was suddenly interrupted at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, according to a Vichy message. — International News Service.

TWO MILLION POUNDS OF BOMBS ON GERMAN TOWNS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
THE BIGGEST BRITISH AIR FLEET EVER THROWN INTO ACTION, UNOFFICIALLY ESTIMATED TO NUMBER BETWEEN 300 AND 500 BOMBERS, INFLECTED BLAZING DEVASTATION IN SOME OF GERMANY'S PRINCIPAL WAR CENTRES WITH VERITABLE TORNENTS OF BOMBS ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

The Air Ministry states gigantic waves of R.A.F. bombers roared over the Channel and the North Sea and deposited "hundreds of tons" of high explosives and "tens of thousands" of incendiary bombs, chiefly on the naval seaports of Hamburg and Bremen.

About two million pounds of demolition bombs of all sizes and types were dumped on key German ports while Berlin and the Emden naval base were among other objectives sharing the R.A.F. armada's record-breaking fury.

WITH SOME OF THE LATEST AMERICAN BOMBERS PARTICIPATING, THE HISTORY-MAKING ASSAULT ON GERMANY COINCIDED WITH THE BRITISH DOWNING OF 13 NAZI BOMBERS OVER BRITAIN. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Intense Attack

Intensity of the raids on Bremen and Hamburg can be gauged

ITALIAN GRENADIERS CAPTURED

It is learned in London that the Imperial forces in the Amba Alagi area in Abyssinia have occupied further high ground and captured a company of a machine-gun battalion of the Italian grenadier division. — British Wireless.

Britons Leave Istanbul

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
Growing indications that British residents are evacuating Istanbul are seen in a rush by the British colony to liquidate their affairs.

The British Consulate has issued a further advice to British residents to evacuate after which it states the Consulate can bear no further responsibility.

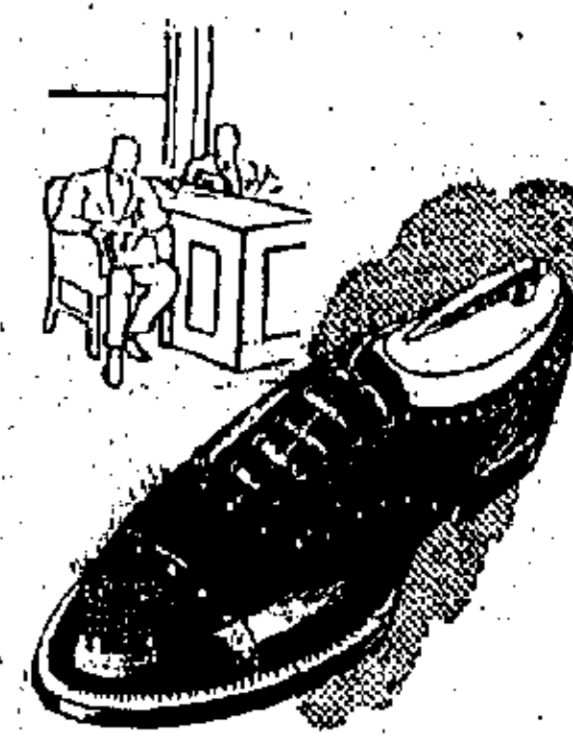
Many residents have already left for Egypt, India and South Africa. — International News Service.

SWEEPING ROUND-UP

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

SWEEPING THROUGH FASHIONABLE HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND CLUBS IN A BLITZ ROUND-UP OF ITALIAN ALIENS, NEW YORK DETECTIVES AND IMMIGRATION AGENTS ARRESTED 101 MEN AND CONTINUED THE SEARCH FOR 15 MORE CHARGED WITH OVERSTAYING THEIR LEAVE IN AMERICA.

The drive against Italian aliens followed the round-up of 175 German seamen in American ports. — International News Service.



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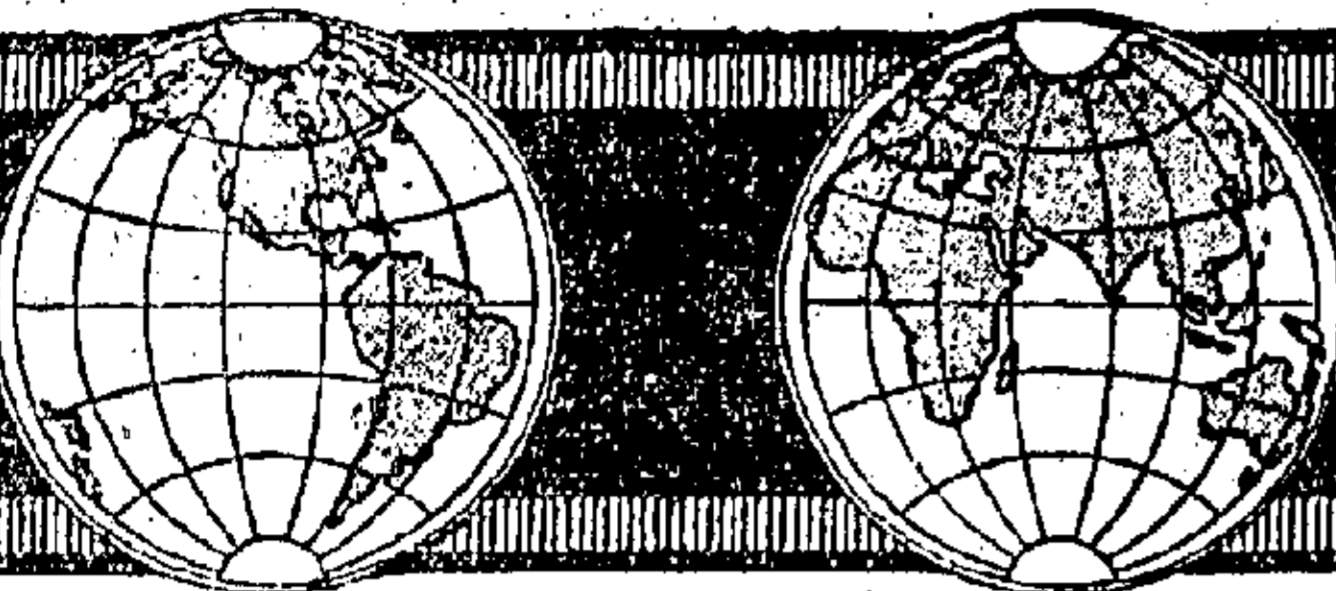
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SHORT STORY

By E. A. CEMERNIC

THE HONEST POLICEMAN

CHEE-CHING moved round her austere little room, finishing her preparations for the evening's celebration. She straightened the curtains and the bed-clothes, for the tenth time re-arranged the bunch of gladioli in the earthenware pot, and glanced again at the bowls of rice and shell-fish on the table.

"I suppose the garoupa is all right," she said to her friend, who was looking on with an amused smile. "Perhaps I'd better run in to the kitchen and have a look at it."

"You know it's all right," laughed May-ling, "there's no need to get excited."

"I'm not excited," replied Chee-ching indignantly, "besides, wedding anniversaries don't happen every day. Garoupa is his favourite fish."

Her round, olive face glowed with happiness and, as she stood there, dressed in the flowered silk dress that she kept for special occasions, she looked slim and lovely.

"He'll be here in a minute," she said, "I hope I haven't forgotten anything. I must show you the present I bought for him." She took it from a drawer and showed it to her friend. It was a watch, a cheap mass-produced one of Chinese make, but May-ling, regarded it gravely and said, "It's beautiful. He'll be delighted with it."

"I'm sure he will. What do you think he's bringing for me?"

"A length of dress material," hazarded May-ling, "or a pin for your hair."

"No," said Chee-ching triumphantly, "it's something much better than that. It's a jade ring. It's a lovely one, with hundreds of lights dancing in the deep, green stone."

"How do you know? Have you seen it?"

"I bought the watch from Yuen Kai and he told me that Chan Lai has been paying him two dollars a month for a whole year to buy me the ring." He showed it to me.

Heavy boots resounded on the stairs. "He's coming now," said May-ling. "I'd better go." A

moment later there was a knock at the door. Opening it, Chee-ching saw the uniformed figure of the policeman, but it was not that of her husband. He stood in the doorway with a look of discomfort on his face, trying to utter the message he had rehearsed.

"Well," she asked impatiently, "what is it. Do you want my husband? He hasn't come in yet."

"No," he stammered. "I'm sorry. Very sorry. Chan Lai has been detained at the station."

"Oh, dear," Chee-ching exclaimed in a worried voice.

"I hope he won't be long or the garoupa will be spoiled."

"I'm afraid he won't be home to-night. He wants you to go to the station to see him. He's been

detained on a charge of extortion."

"Have dare you," she cried, "how dare you say that? I know it is. My husband could never do such a thing, he'd rather kill himself. It's impossible."

"Yes," replied the policeman mildly. "I dare say you're right. I hope the magistrate will think so, too."

The fat, smiling sergeant gazed at the class of young men in front of him.

"You think you're a fine lot of fellows," he said. "When you go out on patrol, dressed in your blue uniforms and shining buttons, you'll feel vastly superior to the men and women in the streets, carrying on with their menial tasks. When you see that many of them are afraid of you, your chests will stick out. You'll get a sense of power. Maybe you think that's fine thing. Maybe you imagine that a Sam Browne belt, with a revolver sticking out of the holster, converts a peasant into a mandarin."

He paused for a moment, and his smile disappeared, but before anyone could answer his rhetorical question he went on. "You couldn't make a greater mistake. It's neither a beautiful chorus nor a mob of gangsters you're joining. It's a police force. Your job is not to terrorise the population, to scare them and bully them. Your job is to protect them, to secure them against violence and the threat of violence. To live in peace in the world, without fear of neighbour or stranger, is one of the greatest benefits man can have. It is you alone, you and your fellow-policemen, who can confer that benefit on the people of this country."

Many of the young students smiled cynically as the sergeant delivered himself of these sentiments. They had heard them several times before, with variations throughout the course. For a few dollars a month, they were expected to be missionaries, or saints. Well, it didn't matter. They didn't have to listen, and the talks gave them a rest from their arduous training. As far as they were concerned, the sergeant's speech was just a string of meaningless words. But to Chan Lai the message was vital and inspiring. It bit deeply into his brain, and when he got home to his beloved Chee-ching, he repeated every syllable of it. That was going to be, he told her, a strong arm guarding the weak and the oppressed.

They were very much in love, these two exceptional Chinese who had married because they loved each other. Chan Lai a big, peasant from the North, with the laugh of the soil still around him. Fu Chee-ching, a dainty, vivacious Cantonese. He would have faced anything on earth to give her a moment's happiness, and there was nothing on earth he feared more than the loss of her good opinion.

Her eyes shone with pride as she listened to him. That was why she, daughter of a scholar, had left her comfortable home to marry this rough peasant. It was because he was so reliable, so steadfast, so utterly incapable of any but the highest conduct. He was a man so different from all others, with his honesty written across his face.

When his training was over, he was assigned to a district police station, but at first he had to go out under the supervision of an experienced constable. He had looked forward to this. He wanted to see how the people reacted to him as he paraded the streets with his mentor. There might be a robbery or an act of violence and he would be able to show how he had absorbed his instruction. Even a street accident would be useful, so that he could demonstrate his skill at first aid.

As he walked through the streets with Kong So, he naively confided his aspirations to him. The other looked at him critically, as if trying to decide whether he was joking. When he saw that the young man was in earnest, he laughed harshly.

"What a simon! you, are," he said. "You talk like a school-boy. What are you, a Communist or something?"

"No, no," Chan Lai denied hastily. "I wasn't sure what Communists were, but he knew they were not the kind of people to be identified with. It would not do to have his superiors misunderstand his motives, especially at this early stage of his career."

"Well, then, don't be a fool. If you go round dishing those silly ideas, you'll get yourself laughed at. You'll get no thanks from the inspector if you bring him a lot of frivolous cases."

"Don't you try to do your duty?"

"Of course I do. But sometimes it is more profitable not to."

Chan Lai stared at him aghast. "Profit?" he exclaimed. "How can a policeman make profit. It's not a business."

"It's a very good business. If you do as I do, you'll find life very comfortable. If you don't, you'll soon find yourself out on your neck."

"But..."

"Wait. You don't expect to solve all the problems of the

thoughts. He wished he had someone who could advise him. When he returned home in the evening, he described every detail of his day to Chee-ching, and she listened to him with a flushed face, punctuating the story with cries of surprise and indignation.

He went out with several different constables. Most of them were honest and, if they were not as zealous as he hoped they might be, at least they did not increase his distress. Others had their individual rackets. One of them contented himself with receiving free cigarettes from a shop on his beat, a man who smuggled small children over the border found it convenient to pay squeeze to a third. Some specialised in gambling dens, some in opium

dens, some in overlooking infractions of the food and licensing laws.

One day Chan Lai went out with a constable called Wong. With his clear eyes and his friendly smile, Wong had the look of a genuinely honest man, and Chan thought of talking over his difficulties with him. But soon he was appalled to find that Wong's procedure was much more obvious and blatant, as if it were part of his official duties. He did not pester the hawkers or take anything from their meagre stocks, as so many of the other did. He exchanged affable smiles with everyone he saw. But he had a large round of drug-peddlers and brothel-keepers who paid tribute to him. The formula was the same as that used by Kong. When they stopped at a tea-house for a rest, Chan did not question him.

"How can you act like this?" he asked. "Doesn't your conscience revolt? What about all the laws you swore to uphold?"

Wong smiled at him and placed his hand on the young man's arm. "I know how you feel," he said, "when I started out, twenty years ago, I felt like that, too. Seeing me now, you won't believe that I was once an idealist. This city, I told myself, was a place of wondrous natural beauty, a place where men could live with dignity and serenity if they were given the chance. I wanted to help to cleanse it, to restore its grace, to tear down the pall of evil. I was ready to fight anyone from a wife-beater to a gang of armed pirates. You can imagine my thoughts."

"Yes, I can," Chan went hot with emotion. "Then why have you descended to bribery and blackmail? You batten on the evils you swore to remove."

"Because every man must get something out of life. If he cannot find satisfaction in his work, he takes what he can instead."

"What you wanted to do was worth more than money."

"Yes. For more than a year I lived on my ideals, in a slum street, with simple food and simple tastes. I wasn't the only one by any means. You'd be surprised perhaps, to know how many of us start out that way. And there are many others, ambitious for promotion or afraid of punishment or the loss of their jobs, who remain honest, too. But there are a large number who prefer bribes to cases."

"Probably every police force has its disreputable members," said Chan Lai, "but still I can't see why you must be one of them. And what about the seniors, the inspectors and the sergeants. Can't they keep a check on their men?"

"When a man dies here, and leaves a lot of money, people often ask humbly whether he was a police-sergeant. As far as the great majority are concerned, the implied charge is a gross libel, but there are some opportunists to give it a semblance of truth. The dishonest whether senior or junior, would not be important in themselves, but they frustrate the efforts of the others."

"It sounds absurd."

"It is absurd, but it's true only too often. Time after time a raiding party descends on a brothel, an opium den, a gambling-house, to find their quarry gone. Someone has warned the offenders; then a few days later they resume their activities. They know they can do so in perfect safety as long as they are prepared to pay squeeze. But that is not really the point. The men who make the profits are often highly respected citizens who never go near their business premises. When someone is caught, it is usually a poorly-paid constable. There are easily found culprits are so often discovered. Whatever happens the vice goes on. I could see that whatever I did, whatever a thousand of us did, we couldn't stop it. At least I have the satisfaction of giving my wife a good home and my children a good education."

This talk with Wong made a deep impression on Chan Lai's mind, and it left him with a feeling of deep discontent. He was not built to be a revolutionary, and he had no urge to lead great movements for the betterment of mankind. But he had a deep-seated desire to devote himself to something that was worth-while. Now it seemed he was in a blind alley.

Again he discussed the events of

the day with Chee-ching. As she sat beside him on the edge of the bed, with her round chin cupped in her hands, and her expression unusually sober as she gazed sympathetically at her husband, he repeated all that Wong had said to him. She kissed him and stroked his hair.

"I know," she said, "I know how it looks to you, but your first duty is to yourself. Wong is a disillusioned man. Yet you must still be honest for your own sake. And for mine, too."

"You need have no fear," he replied.

When he was given an independent beat, he stood rightly to his principles, in spite of the temptations thrust in his way. It was harder than he thought. Shopkeepers, pedlars, all kinds of people approached him voluntarily with small bribes. They had been well trained, and regarded it as the correct thing to do to keep him in good humour. When he refused these gifts they weren't in the least grateful. They were incredulous. Some laughed at him, told each other he was half-witted, others feared he had deeper designs. He was holding out for bribes and listened to bring them to him.

Instead of pestering hawkers, he explained the law to them. Only once he accepted a bribe from a shopkeeper; he did it so that he could pass it on to a hawker who was living on the pavement in a state verging on starvation. The shopkeeper and the beneficiary exchanged glances of contempt.

He arrested a snatcher, who received a term of imprisonment. He helped to break up a gang feud. He found some little slave-girls being beaten by their mistress; the woman was fined. His efforts to make friends on his beat were showing some signs of progress. They were beginning to realise that even if his ideas were peculiar, his intentions were above suspicion.

Gradually, too, he was rebuilding his self-confidence. In his own district at least, he felt, he could do something. Every day brought some little satisfaction, the satisfaction of having done his duty or of having helped someone. He had a sense of achievement. This morning he had left home bright of eye and firm of footstep. His wife's smile encouraged him as he passed the window. He walked through the streets. Then, quite suddenly, his world dropped to pieces.

He was chatting to the fruit-seller's stall, when he heard an altercation further up the street. A woman was expostulating loudly, a man was retorting with equal vigour, and the onlookers who gathered round added their voices to the uproar. Pushing his way through the crowd, he saw the commotion was taking place round the shop of Yuen Kai, the jade-seller and money-changer.

Everyone present, the man, the woman, and all of the onlookers, begged him to explain at once. It was only when he drew his pistol and threatened to use it that he was able to make himself heard.

"What's the trouble?" he asked Yuen Kai.

"This stupid woman says I have cheated her." He spread his hands out with a gesture of contempt. "She says she gave me five hundred-dollar notes that she received from her son in Shanghai and that in exchange I gave her Hong Kong currency for only four hundred. There were only four notes, but she says I gave him five notes." Interrupted the woman, screaming and waving her arms. Yuen Kai looked at her pitily and smiled at the policeman.

"You see," he said, "what can you do with a woman like that. It's enough to ruin my business."

"Yes," said Chan, "it sounds very silly, but she must have a reason."

"She's trying to cheat me. I haven't been in business for thirty years without meeting her kind. I'll have to look at your till," said Chan. "I know it's unnecessary, but I must satisfy this woman. She looks as if she's crazy." Yuen continued to pour contempt on the woman's stupidity and objected that he would lose face before the crowd of onlookers if his word were doubted. But in spite of his protests Chan went round the counter and opened the till. The little bundle of Chinese notes lay on top.

"There are five notes here," he said.

"I'm sure there are only four," replied Yuen. He looked straight into the policeman's eyes. Chan saw at once what he meant, but he stammered and said, "I'm sorry, there are five."

Yuen broke out into a flood of protestations, swearing it was a plot to discredit him and get him into trouble. She must be in the pay of the rival money-changer down the street, who was known for his sharp practice. At worst, it was a mistake. Surely Chan could see that.

He handed the woman Hong Kong currency for another hundred Chinese dollars. She counted it quickly, thrust it into her pocket, and walked hurriedly away before, as she feared, the shopkeeper and the policeman could come to an understanding and attempt to deprive her of it.

Chan looked at the jade-seller, bewildered. Here was a man he knew, with a high reputation for straight dealing. It seemed impossible that he could have done such a thing. He was known and respected by the whole of that populous district. Still, there it was. Chan Lai had his duty to perform.

"I'm terribly sorry," he said, "I'm afraid you'll have to come with me to the police station."

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Passionfruit Flummery

PLACE 2 cups water in a saucepan with 1/2 cup lemon juice and 2 dessertspoons gelatine and allow to soak until gelatine is soft. Add 1 cup sugar and bring to boiling point. Mix 1 tablespoon plain flour with a little of the water until smooth, and add to liquid and stir until mixture boils. Continue to boil for a few minutes, then allow to cool. Beat until quite frothy and add 1/2 cup passionfruit pulp. Fill mould and set in ice chest.

Pear Hedge-Hogs

PEEL and halve fairly large ripe dessert pears and cook in a covered casserole with a little water as possible, and using 1 cup sugar to 6 pears. Add 1/2 slice of lemon and a little stick cinnamon. Remove pears from syrup and allow to get quite cold. Mix 1/2 cup cake crumbs with a little sherry or rum, add 1 tablespoon chopped walnuts or almonds, and form into a paste. Fill cavities and join pears together with a toothpick. Whip 1/2 pint cream, adding a little of the sugar and enough confection to colour a delicate pink. Cover pears with this, then roll in cornflakes. Place in ice chest until thoroughly chilled and serve with sponge fingers. An excellent dish to serve with ice cream.

Cherry Meringue

TAKE 1 tin cherries, 2 eggs, 1/4 lb short pastry, few chopped nuts, 1 dessertspoon castor sugar. Roll out the pastry and line a greased flan tin. Cut out a round of greaseproof paper and put on top of the pastry, filling with rice or beans to keep it flat whilst baking. Bake in a fairly hot oven for twenty minutes. Then remove the beans and paper, brush over with white of egg and return to the oven for a further five or six minutes. When cold, fill with the cherries. Thicken a little of the syrup by stirring over low heat with the two egg-yolks. Allow to get cool and then pour over the cherries. Whip up the whites of eggs until stiff, fold in the castor sugar, pipe in whisks over the fruit, sprinkle with a few chopped nuts and return to an oven of much lower temperature to get firm and lightly brown. Serve hot, garnished with a few cherries, or it is equally delicious as a cold sweet.

Honey Tapioca

TAKE 1 pint milk, 2 eggs, 2 tablespoons honey, 3oz. sultanas, 2 tablespoons tapioca, 1 gill thin cream. Put the milk into a saucepan and bring to the boil. Sprinkle in the tapioca and simmer for thirty minutes. Remove from the stove and allow to cool a little. Beat the yolks of eggs and stir into the tapioca. Return to the stove and continue stirring until the mixture thickens. Add the honey and the sultanas and turn into a large basin. When cool, stir in cream, whip the whites of eggs until stiff and fold into the mixture. Divide into individual glass dishes and decorate with a fresh raspberry (or glace cherry) and strings of angelica. For special party occasions, pipe dots of mixture until thick and pipe little rosettes on top of each dish.

Orange Wafer Gateau

PREPARE and cook wafers as follows: Cream 1/2 cup margarine or butter well, gradually add 1/4 cup sugar and beat until very light. Add 1 unbeaten egg and beat well. Sift together 1 1/2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 3 tablespoons cornflour, add the grated rind of 1 orange, and add it alternately in butter mixture with 1/4 cup milk and 1/4 cup orange juice. Mix well and spread a small quantity on an inverted well greased and floured sandwich tin. Do not spread too near the edge, as the butter will run down the sides during the baking and spoil the look of the wafer. These wafers may be baked on a greased and lightly-floured oven slide and a round traced out the size of a sandwich tin. Bake in a moderate oven for about 10 minutes or until a golden brown. Turn wafer on to a cooler and continue to cook batter. Join layers with the following: Put 1 cup orange juice in a saucepan with 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1/2 cup sugar, and 1 cup water. Bring to boiling point and add 2 tablespoons cornflour diluted with a little of the juice or water. Stir over gas until thick and quite clear. Remove from gas, beat in 1 egg-yolk, and 1 dessertspoon butter, a little at a time then allow to cool. Spread a little on top of last layer and sprinkle with chopped walnuts or almonds. The wafers may be filled with ice cream and chopped fruit, which makes a delicious party sweet.

Orange Pie

LINE a sandwich tin or fireproof tart plate with the following: Cream 3oz. butter well, gradually add 2oz. sugar and beat well until creamy. Beat 1 egg and add 2 tablespoons milk, add gradually to butter mixture, then stir in 8oz. plain flour, sifted with 1/2 teaspoon baking powder and a pinch of salt. Add 4oz. wheatmeal and form into a paste. Use as directed and bake in hot oven for about 20 minutes. In the meantime prepare filling. Mix 1/2 cup plain flour with enough cold water to form a smooth paste, then add 1/4 cup sugar and beat well. In a saucepan put 1 1/2 cups boiling water, add diluted flour and stir into boiling water. Simmer for 10 minutes, stirring now and again. Remove from gas and add 3 well-beaten egg-yolks, the grated rind of 1 orange, and the juice of 2 oranges. Cook without boiling for 5 minutes. Beat the egg-whites until stiff, gradually add 1/2 cup castor sugar and fold one-third into orange mixture. Fill prepared tart case and pile the remainder on top rather roughly. Bake in a slow oven until set and a nice pale fawn colour.

Baked Apple Savoy

PUT a little marmalade in the bottom of a well-buttered fireproof dish. Cut 4 slices of brown bread about half an inch thick, then cut into dice. Place these on top of marmalade. Beat 2 egg-yolks slightly, add 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 pint milk, and a little vanilla. Pour over bread and allow to stand for about half an hour. Place in a pan of water and bake until almost set. Spread top with a little more marmalade and cover top with peeled, cored and sliced apples. Sprinkle with brown sugar and a little cinnamon, dot with butter, and continue baking until apples are cooked. Serve cold.

Apple Surprise

WASH 1/2 cup rice well and bring to boil in 1 cup water. Drain off water and add 1 pint milk, the rind of half a lemon, and 1 tablespoon sugar. Simmer until rice is tender, then add 1 dessertspoon butter. Continue to cook until moisture is absorbed. Press a thick layer in the bottom of a well-greased fireproof dish and place on 3 or 4 pared and cored apples, spreading it evenly over the apples. Cover with a greased paper and bake in moderate oven for about half an hour. Put 1/2 cup brown sugar in a saucepan with 1 tablespoon top milk, 1 heaped tablespoon butter, and 1/2 level teaspoon ground cinnamon. Boil until syrup is formed (about 5 minutes), pour over apples, etc., and bake for another half an hour. Serve hot or cold.



Yashmaks in London. This is not a new fashion, but a new type of mask against germ infection. (Copyright, Fox.)

LONDON PRIDE

IT has been left to a Dane to turn "London Pride"—that pink feathery flower which does not seem to mind whether it grows in country fields or a town allotment—into a symbol.

I should not be surprised if Claridge's, the Berkeley, and the Ritz restaurants are not full within the next few weeks, of Aage Thaarup's navy blue bonnets crowned with sprays of London Pride. His Grosvenor Street house the other day was crowded with women who admired, ordered, and stayed to listen to the designer's plans to send his theme flower all over the world.

Special window displays—with bowered hats rising from the middle of a photographed pavilion—London—have been arranged to show the English provinces and the rest of the world that London designers can take it.

Thaarup's London Pride hats are already their way to Australia and America. They are unmistakable, exclusive. More than that—those knots of gay little flowers are meant to remind everyone that London's hard-won fashion leadership can rise triumphantly over bombs and blitz and blast.

They Are Expensive

Aage Thaarup hopes to catch American dollars, too. His London Pride hats are expensive. No woman in London will be able to buy one of the Thaarup navy blue hats, with its tell-tale bunch of flowers, at less than four and a half guineas.

They are designed for the woman who feels that a dress allowance spent on national savings certificates justifies her in putting on her head something that is absurd, smart, becoming, and worth at least a couple of lines in the morning paper.

"But, of course, I have other ideas, beside my London Pride hats," says Aage Thaarup. "This for instance, in compliment to General de Gaulle—and he produced three navy blue felt hats—a beret type (new and enormously becoming)—and two miniature Homburgs, which are embroidered with the emblems of the Free French Navy, Army, and Air Force.

"My Mississippi-maze?" Some-

thing new appears—two enchanting hats made in what must be the last corn-coloured straw in London, combined with black felt. For straws are becoming more and more difficult to get. In a month or two they will be quite unobtainable.

But does that stop Aage Thaarup? It certainly does not.

He makes the most of the few hundred yards of straw he has left; whips up enchanting canopies with noticeably higher crowns—some from bright velvet, and adds a touch of straw as trimming. His cerise velvet sailors are saucy and gay. One has ruffle of horsehair running round the crown; the other's brim is latticed with narrow licorice straw.

The Paintbrush Helps

When he cannot get a natural straw splashed with bright colours—duplicating one of his high-crowned hats which has the red, green, and blue flecks picked up by a bunch of quills in front—he puts the right shades in with a paint-brush.

He uses every kind of fabric—velvet, printed silks, linens—and turns out something like his little sailor, which has the under-brim lined with white felt and a couple of white felt daisies perched on top to show up the white daisies in the pattern.

He quilts taffeta to make an adorable bonnet-like hat with a double brim and adds a bunch of London Pride to nestle at the back of the neck. He sprinkles tiny red lacquer-birds on the brim of an entirely new kind of turban out of navy blue jersey and stripes it with appliqued navy blue, red, and pale blue velvet ribbons.

His little hats for dining and dancing (London style) look like rakish halos of frayed taffeta. One halo rests over the eyebrows, the other runs round the wearer's back hair.

And all these hats demand up-swept hair, on which they perch without any suggestion of being sensible or utilitarian, or anything except just datted attractive.

"I do not regard the blitz as an excuse for anything, but carefully coiffured hair," says Aage Thaarup severely.

TEETHING TOPICS N° 4

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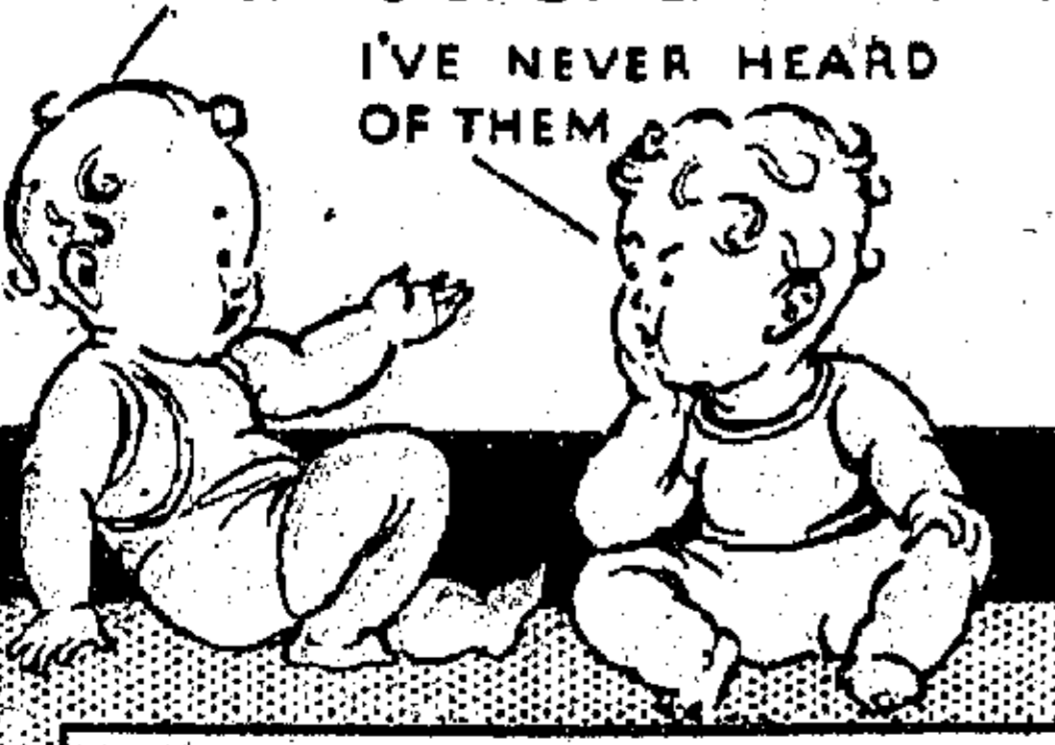
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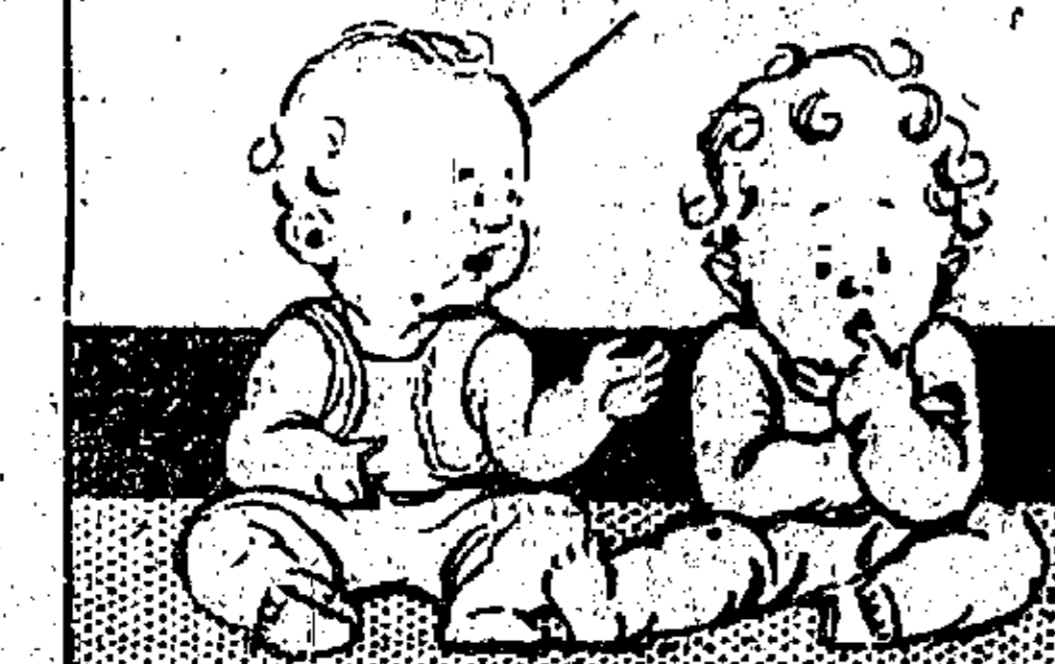
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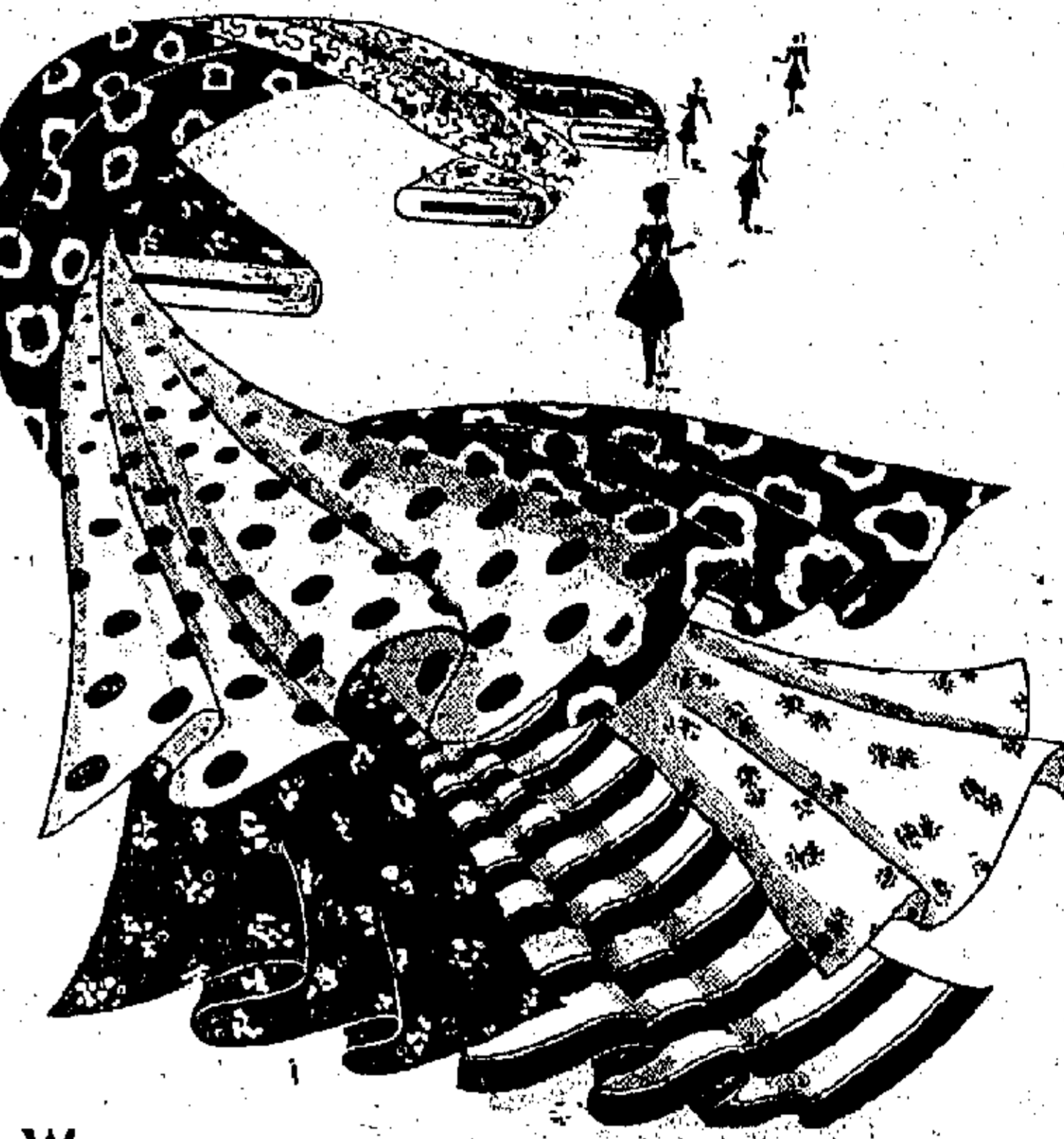
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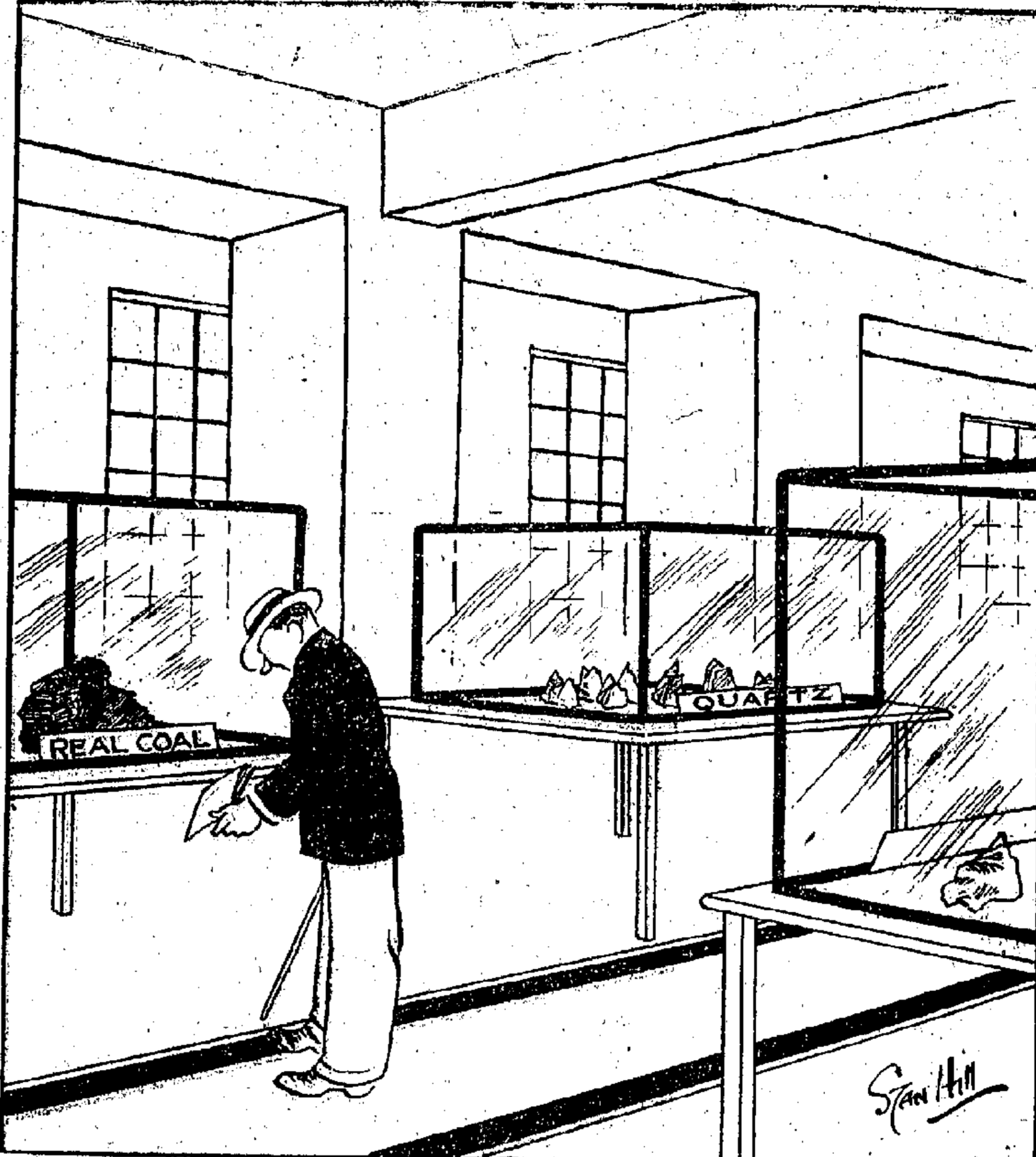
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MR. RONALD CROSS WELCOMED

Mr. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister of Australia, has expressed warm appreciation at the appointment of Mr. Ronald Cross, M.P., former Minister of Shipping, as High Commissioner for the U.K. in Australia, states the Dominions Office. In a message to the new High Commissioner, Mr. Fadden said that they were looking to his arrival in Australia. —British Wireles.

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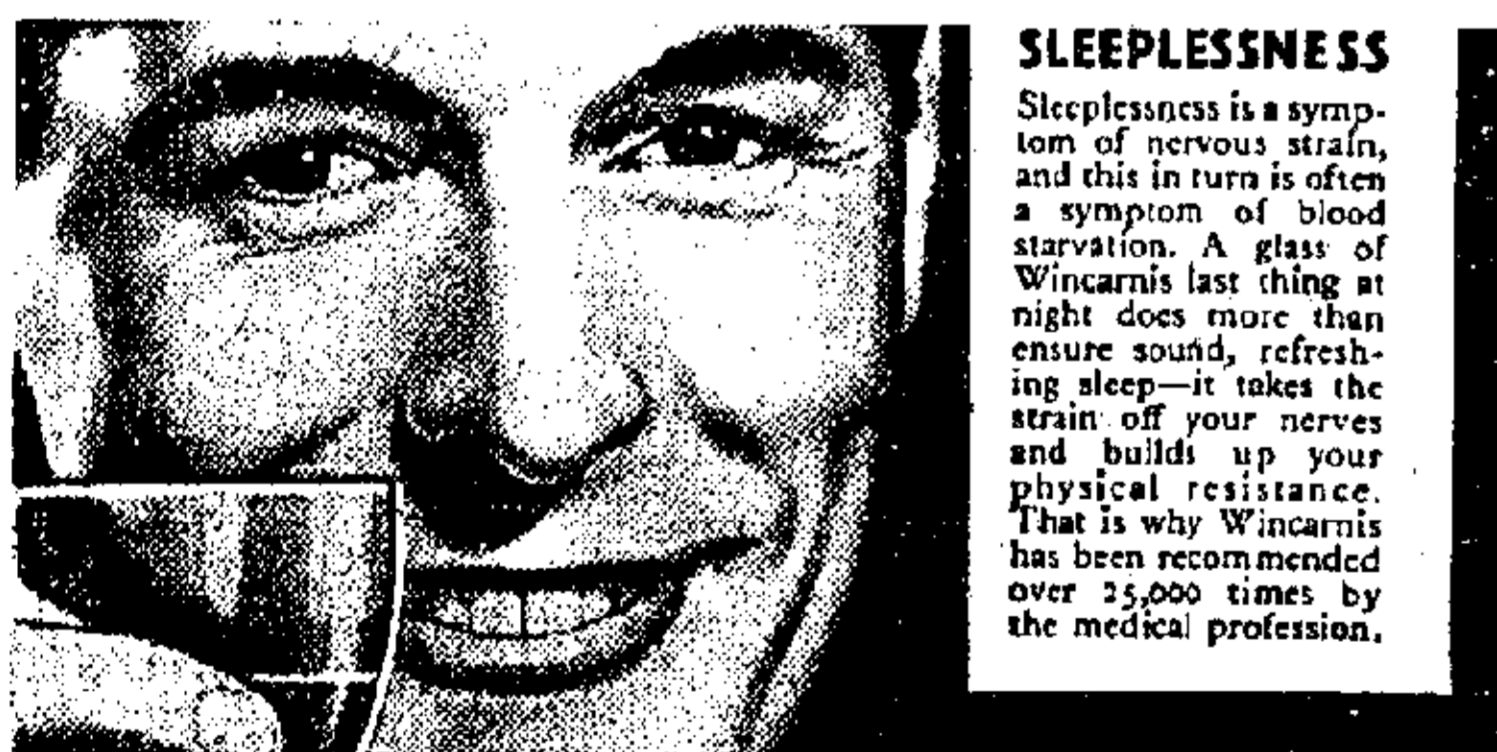
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Battle Of The Night Bomber

The defence of London against air attack under existing circumstances may turn out to be the toughest job of its kind that man has ever attempted. The recent long raid, which was of exceptional intensity, proved—if proof were needed—that enemy aircraft still can pour fire bombs and high explosives on the capital of the British Empire for hours at night with relatively little risk to themselves.

Actually London cannot be defended after nightfall in the sense that German bombers can be kept away. What the defence amounts to is an effort to cut down the suffering endured by the British people and the advantages that the Germans would gain through unhampered bombing of military objectives.

That is about all that can be hoped for this year. Perhaps a year hence the technique of night fighting will have advanced to a point where the toll of German machines and men would make the raiding of London an unprofitable venture for the attacking force.

Ruins Mock The Defenders

It is difficult, with memories of the lurid red sky, the violent sounds and the pungent odours of battle still fresh, to write about the splendid methods of defence that have been developed in the past year. The ruins that dot London seem to make a mockery of defence.

Yet the truth of the matter is that Britain has strengthened London's aerial ramparts until they are almost effective. The biggest single gain made in the past twelve months has been the driving of Germany to night bombing, which offers neither time nor opportunity for the greatest offensive action against either Britain's war effort or her morale.

At this time last year men said that it was impossible to defeat entirely mass bombing raids carried out by daylight—some planes were bound to slip through the defences and the people must simply grin and bear it. September's Battle of Britain showed that the Royal Air Force's fighters were strong enough to make mass raids an impossible venture for Germany, and it would be an astonishing thing to-day to find London subjected to daylight attacks comparable with those she experiences now at night.

What officials hope for, and the people fervently pray for, is some degree of immunity to the clock around. Let us examine the various means by which this might be achieved.

London's defence consists of two distinct parts; one is borne by civilian services, the other by fighting services. The civilians are most active when airmen and ground batteries are unable to check the tide of terror sweeping over the Thames. They serve as fire fighters and air-raid wardens, and the value of their services is inestimable.

On the military side are pilots with "cat's eyes," who roam the night skies for the enemy, and the anti-aircraft gunners and men of the balloon barrage.

The exploits of both pilots and gunners in the last two months border on the sensational, and regardless of what German raiders may have accomplished in London, Bristol, Portsmouth and Coventry, there is a surprisingly good credit in favour of these defending elements.

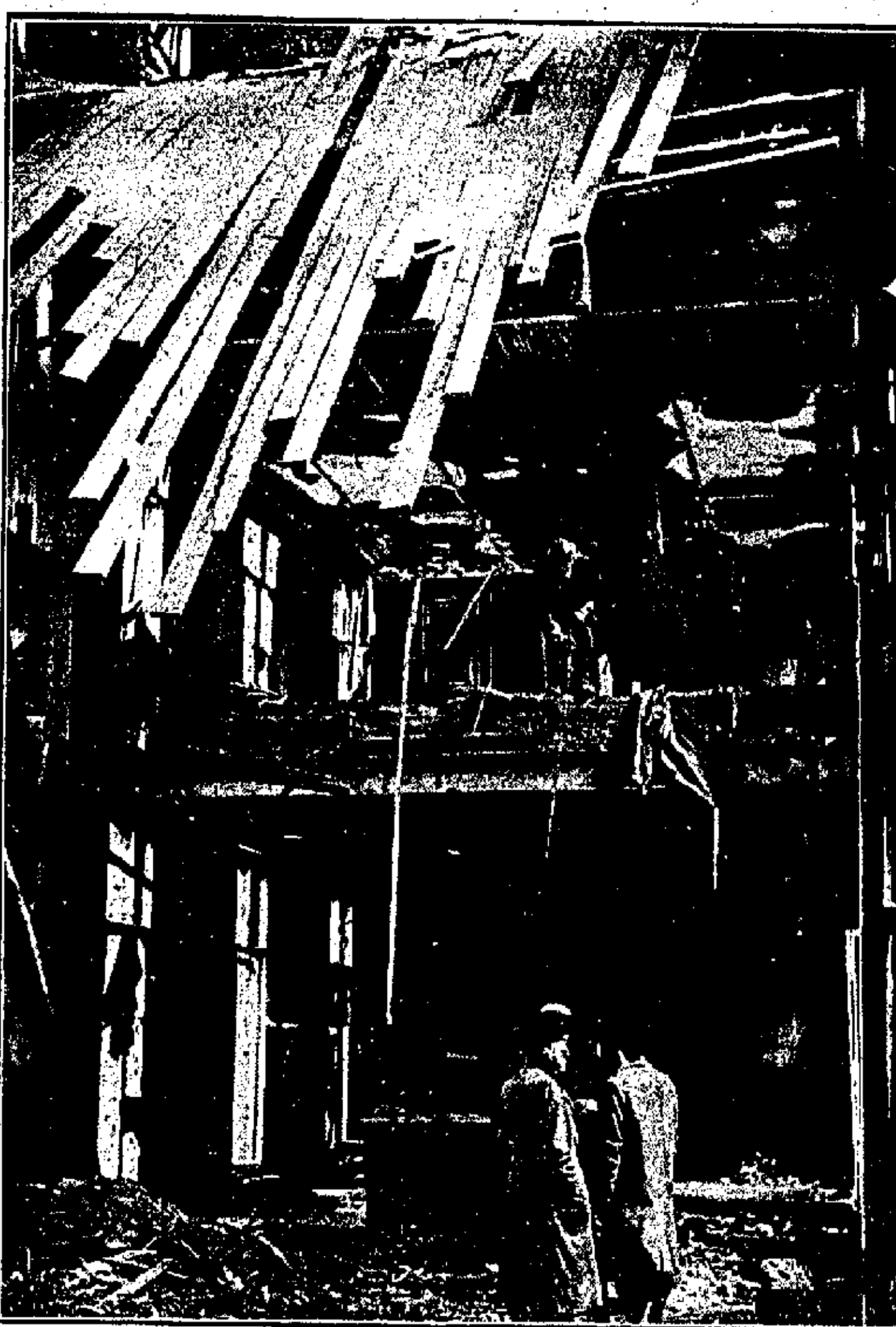
Scores Of Anti-Aircraft Guns

The defence of London is essentially the same as it was last year, with observer posts far beyond London and control links linking up every branch of defence.

Fighters are able to stay aloft only for short periods, so there is the delicate question of balancing the available fighting force with the demands on it. Another point of tactics is the determination of the best combination of anti-aircraft fire and fighting planes during a raid.

New Fighting Machine

Coincidental with the sharp increase in number of victories gained by British night fighters was



A direct hit on a London Hospital in a recent night raid buried many patients and nurses in wreckage. Doctors, uninjured nurses and rescue squads worked until early morning relieving the trapped people, among whom there were many casualties. Photo shows two wrecked wards at the hospital.

An example of how strategy can be worked out is the disposition of fighter patrols along the South and East Anglian coasts. They have succeeded in checking enemy action at its inception in daylight hours and are striving desperately to find a formula for handling the night problems.

an announcement that two new machines were in service. They are the former DB 7 Boston light bomber, renamed Havoc, and the Bristol Beaufighter.

The Roosevelt Plan

By
ANNE McCORMICK

Like stabs of lightning in a black storm, events like the suicide of Premier Korizis of Greece, following by a fortnight the suicide of Premier Teleki of Hungary, illuminate for a vivid moment the background of strain and agony that lies behind the fighting in this war. We do not know what final impulse of despair drove Mr. Korizis to take his own life on the Greek Good Friday. He was a cool-headed banker, as steady and detached in his way as Count Teleki. A man in the prime of life, he was chosen because of his vigor and balance to take over the leadership of a country at war when his friend, General Metaxas, died suddenly three months ago.

We can only surmise the conflict of soul that impels calm and responsible men like Korizis and Teleki to commit an act of desperation that in both cases is contrary to their character and their religious beliefs. They are faced with impossible choices: "their alternative is not to fight or to die, to resist or not to resist, because neither fighting nor simple surrender saves them. They stand in the path of overwhelming force, and whether they challenge it, like Greece, or submit to it, like Hungary, they open their country to terrible loss and suffering.

The Greek Premier followed Metaxas in a policy of resisting invasion to the death. Whatever the immediate cause of his suicide, whether it was an irreconcilable divergence of views in the government, as is suggested by the ban on public demonstrations, it is easy to imagine that Korizis, foreseeing defeat at last, could no longer endure the punishment being inflicted, blow after blow, upon the heroic people he led. It is also easy to understand that Teleki could no longer bear to pay the price at the opposite policy. Hungary has been spared the devastation of war, but not the enforced humiliation, which the Premier could escape only by death, of breaking a fresh pledge to a neighbouring State.

To decide between these frightful alternatives is the fate of the leaders of Europe. The battle of the Balkans demonstrates once more that we live in a world in which the only effective answer to force is more force, but it is not until this grim fact is translated into human terms that we

really see what it means. Perhaps no war in history has produced so many personal tragedies as this war. It is not surprising that statesmen and governments crack under the dilemma that confronts them, and that individuals give way to despair. The mind cannot picture the millions of homeless, imprisoned, uprooted and starving human beings who now populate the continent of Europe. But worse than all this is their helplessness. Never were so many people reduced to a state of impotence; before they are assaulted by force, they have no choice but a choice of evils; afterward, they inhabit the ultimate human hell—which is a place with no choice at all.

The dilemma of the United States is not the same—but it is nevertheless a terrible dilemma. The decisions resting on the President at this moment are crucial and crucially difficult. Before taking the steps which lead certainly, at some point, to war, he has to hesitate, to weigh all the factors, all the changing elements. In a situation which is like that of 1917 only, because it is still a contest between Britain and Germany. Under the same names, however, the two protagonists are different powers than they were then. Hitler's aims and limits are no more like the Kaiser's than Mohammed's were like Bismarck's. Britain is no longer fighting for a balance of power in Europe but for her existence, against an incomparably stronger combination. The world is not the same. We do not realise yet the extent to which it has been revolutionised, but it is clear, as light that in a war of conquest for a revolution our stake is infinitely greater than our stake in the last war.

David Anderson On The Blitzkrieg

cycle underarrange is also seen as a special point in its favour, for it is enabled to slide into darkened airports.

'Plane Of High Fire Power

The Beau fighter is often mentioned in night reports as having blown an enemy to bits with a few short bursts of gunfire. This is eloquent proof of its gun power, which is an invaluable asset when a foe is visible for only a fleeting moment.

It is not known whether the Royal Air Force is nursing secret devices for its night fighters. What is certain, however, is that extensive study is being made on how to detect German bombers at night and, once found, how to destroy them most quickly. These defenders of London have a long way to go before they advance beyond the stage of finding their best way through a hostile night sky.

Possibly the greatest surprise has been the performance of ground defences lately. There is a new note in the sound of the anti-aircraft batteries, and the man in the street has speculated on the clusters of orange flashes bursting in the air. Whether such phenomena are important developments can be only guessed at, but a safer basis for guesswork is the improvement in sound-detection equipment and allied branches of anti-aircraft science.

Batteries of guns booming defiance while enemy raiders are overhead have a reassuring effect on the people of London. Last September they just blazed away and managed to shoot down many planes simply because there was an almost unlimited number of targets in plain view. Now the guns are silent until the Nazi flyers seem to be swarming in the darkness and then, without warning, the thunder starts, some time keeping up for hours.

Anti-aircraft fire is effective up to at least 25,000 feet, according to evidence gathered from the Dover area, where a raid was shot down from that altitude.

The balloons, like the guns, have the primary purpose of keeping the enemy at a great height. They can be regarded as the modern equivalent of an old palisade or wall encircling a city. Residents of the city feel more comfortable when seeing the friendly, fat silver balloons floating above, gilded copper in the sun or appearing to race through the clouds.

Value Of Balloon Barrage

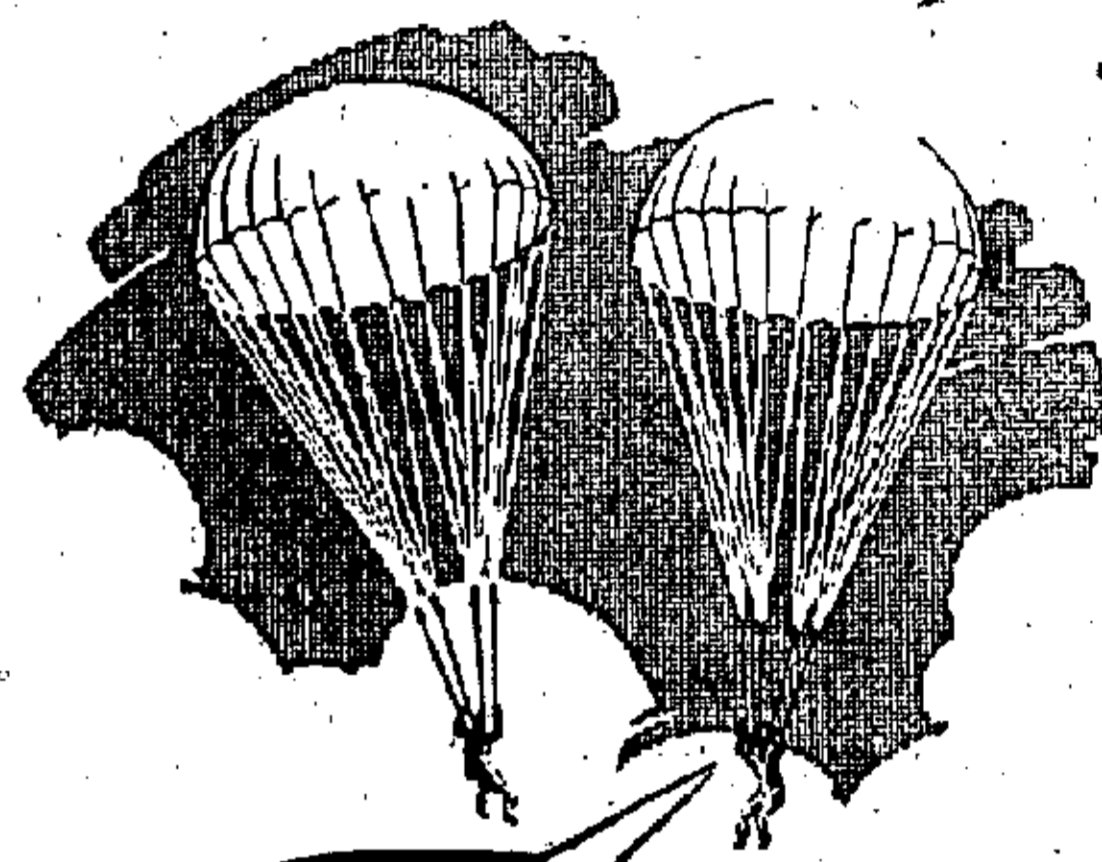
When Britain developed the balloon barrage in 1936 it was

derided in the United States, but we are still working on it, toughening cables and experimenting with new balloons. An indication that the balloon-barrage idea is taken seriously was the appointment six months ago of an important officer, Air Marshal Sir Leslie Gossage, as commander of the balloon defences.

Geography is the worst enemy of London's defenders. German raiders can reach the British capital within seven minutes after leaving their bases in Northern France, which is very different from the long-distance flights that the R.A.F. requires in its raiding of Berlin.

It is not far from the truth to say that a German pilot could bomb London blindfolded. Defence of the vast, sprawling city, get in such circumstances, therefore, may well be a task to try man's ingenuity, patience and faith.

The factors really are: How much can the people of London stand? How long will it be before aid from the United States enables Britain to cripple the German war effort? And finally, how can we solve the technical questions surrounding air warfare after nightfall?



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By "Adrem"

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International series between Scot-

land and England. An exception-

ally good standard prevailed in

these matches and many of the

who took part later secured inter-

national caps.

In 1926, Fraser left Depot on

being posted to Maryhill Barracks

Glasgow. He secured a place im-

mediately in the Battalion team,

which played most of the amateur

clubs in the West of Scotland. In

1927, Royals reached the semi-

final of the West of Scotland Amate-

teur Cup, being then beaten by

Moorgate Amateurs by 1-0. This

goal was scored by Evelyn Mor-

ison, a really great centre-for-

ward who later played in first-

class English football.

Finest matches in this series

however, were against Glasgow

Tramways. In the second round,

so well matched were the two

teams that they had to meet three

times before Royals finally won

3-1.

AGAINST S. ROSS

ROYALS that same year also

won the Scottish Command

Inter-Unit Cup, beating the pow-

erful Cameron Highlanders in the

Final. Playing for the Highland-

ers was Sandy Ross, a centre

forward who the following year

played for Scotland against Eng-

land, while one of the members of

the Royals' team was Barron, now

Sergeant-Major, who recently re-

turned to Hong Kong after a visit

to the United Kingdom. He was

Fraser's partner in the full-back

division.

In 1928 the Highlanders had

their own back on the Royals as

they beat them 3-2 in the Army

Cup at Maryhill. Royals also

ARMY TRIAL

IN 1932 Fraser had big hopes of

playing for Army, when he

was selected for an Army trial.

This was late in the season, how-

ever, and on being forced to retire

10 minutes after the interval, he

missed his chance and was never

selected.

Fraser did, however, play in

some representative matches, one

of them being for a Combined

Aldershot Command team against

Aldershot Town in an annual

fixture. The Town, which included

several international players, won

the match by the odd goal in five.

Members of the Royals' present

team now begin to make their

appearance in Fraser's life. Dan-

can, who has played in several

representative matches in the

Colony, being goalkeeper in the

Royals' team at Aldershot, and

later at Dover.

AT DOVER

THE year 1933 found Fraser and

the Royals at Dover, where

he took part in the Dover and

Shorncliffe League with varying

success. As far as Fraser is con-

cerned, the match which he re-

members best was a charity fix-

ture which was played on Jubilee

Day in 1935 between a Dover

Selection and Canterbury Waver-

ly. Several of the matches in this

area were refereed by Rev. Hinch-

cliffe, well-known as a Hong Kong

referee and who is centre-half

Senior Chaplain of the Forces in

the Colony.

Finest team in Dover and vicinity

in Fraser's time was the Third

Battalion Tank Corps, whose

goalkeeper, Abbott, was really

first-class and whose centre-half,

a man named Pearce, later played

for Wales.

GOES TO INDIA

IN 1936, Fraser's battalion was

transferred to India, where

they were stationed at Lahore. In

that part of the world there were

competitions being on a knock-out

basis. Soon after they arrived,

Royals reached the semi-final of

the Durrant Cup, open to all Brit-

ish battalions in India, where

they were beaten by a team well-

known here as the Argyle and

Sutherland Highlanders.

In the Royals' team at that time

were Hossack, Duncan, Proctor,

Bailey, Gordon and Peppers, while

P. S. M. Fraser, who left Hong

Kong just before War broke out

and was taken prisoner of war at

Curkirk, also turned out regu-

larly.

In 1937 Royals reached the

Final of the Durrant Cup, but lost

to the Border Regiment 3-1. Con-

siderable public interest was taken

in this match which was broad-

cast.

MEETS SWAIN

THEREAFTER followed the usual

round of matches that occupy

a Service soccer player in India,

and just after news was received

that Royals were coming to Hong

Kong came a fixture with the East

Lancashire Regiment. In the usual

rest-together after the match,

Fraser got talking to Swain, who

was a member of the Hong Kong

Interport team which beat Shang-

hai in the historic match in Shang-

hai in 1936 which the Colony won

in a fierce snow-storm. Swain

was very enthusiastic about his

period of service in Hong Kong

and said he would very much like

to return. He told Fraser that he

could expect as much football as

he wanted when he arrived here.

It was with some eagerness,

therefore, that Fraser looked for-

ward to his arrival here. He has

certainly had the football that

Swain promised he would get as

since he arrived here. In January

1938, he has not missed a batta-

lion game, besides playing in

dozens of representative fixtures.

TRIBUTE TO INDIANS

FROM his own experience, Fraser

thinks the Indian footballer is

a better player than his Chinese

TULSA OPEN BASEBALL SEASON WITH 12-4 WIN



D. Leonard, St. Joseph's footballer and regular shot stop, will be seen on the mound against Royal Engineers to-day.

Chung Wah Field Many Newcomers: Woo Catches Eye

AT CAROLINE HILL YESTERDAY, U.S.S. TULSA EASILY BEAT CHUNG WAH BY 12 RUNS TO 4 IN A FRIENDLY BASEBALL MATCH.

Chung Wah fielded a number of new players and though it was evident that they have improved greatly as the result of coach Leung, they still lack experience.

The game was played under very trying conditions. The heat was intense and the glare of the gravel pitch most discomforting to players and spectators. Several players turned out stripped to the waist.

Outstanding features of the game were the two home runs for Tulsa by Maxwell and Simmons in the fifth inning, and the splendid fielding of Long, both at centre-field and later at right-field.

MacLennan started promisingly on the mound for the sailors and met with success in the first two innings. In the third, however, he walked no less than six batters, but the Chinese were able to score only two runs.

In the next inning he was replaced by Strickland, who depended largely on his team's fielding. Lau pitched for Chung Wah, but he was nipped for 13 hits and offered little opposition to the sailors.

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FRANCO'S MOVE AGAINST FALANGE

New Civil Governors Chosen For Principal Centres Caudillo Getting Blow In First?

CLIPPER ARRIVES IN SINGAPORE

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD") Inaugurating the first trans-Pacific flight to Malaya, the Pan-American Airways Clipper has arrived at Singapore. International News Service.

LITTLE TOBRUK ACTIVITY

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD") A message from London states that there has been little activity in the Tobruk area, except air raids on both sides, in which four or five Nazi planes have been shot down.

In Abyssinia, well-informed quarters state that there are still 32,000 Italian troops and a number of natives fighting. These troops are resisting tenaciously with hopes of German help, but it is doubted whether the Germans can send help even by parachute. — International News Service.

Vigorous raiding action by the British forces is reported in the Sollum area.

The heat in the Western Desert is the worst experienced for 25 years. While the Germans are suffering severely, the Imperial troops, mostly experienced desert fighters, are standing up to the heat well. — Reuter.

TOUGH DAY FOR GESTAPO

Yesterday's anniversary of the German invasion of the Low Countries was commemorated mournfully but hopefully by Dutchmen and Belgians throughout the world.

DESPITE THE RIGID NAZI POLICE, DUTCHMEN ARE ASSUREDLY AIDING AN OUTLET FOR THEIR PATRIOTIC EMOTIONS, AS THEY DID ON THE OCCASIONS OF QUEEN WILHELMINA'S AND PRINCE BERNARD'S BIRTHDAYS.

As on those occasions both the Evangelical and Catholic Churches are certainly crowded and other and more subtle means of expression are certainly being found.

For the first time since the outbreak of war a military band marched through London streets yesterday morning. It was the band of the Royal Netherlands Brigade, playing stirring Dutch martial airs.

In Church Ruins

Amid the bombed ruins of the ancient Dutch Church in Austin Friars, in the City of London, Netherlands Ministers and other leaders gathered for a solemn commemoration in front of their flag.

The Dutch Premier gave a short patriotic address after which the congregation sang the Dutch and British Anthems. — Reuter.

ENGAGEMENT HUANG-CHUN—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. C. Chun of Shanghai take pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Ethel, grand-daughter of the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, to Mr. J. Z. Huang of Chinese Embassy, Washington, D.C. U.S.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Huang, Chung-king.

SPAIN FLASHED INTO THE SPOTLIGHT OF WORLD EVENTS LAST NIGHT WITH STARTLING NEWS FROM MADRID INDICATING SWIFT STEPS BY GENERAL FRANCO TO CURB THE POWER OF THE FALANGIST (FASCIST) ORGANISATION.

Speculation on Spain's place in the Hitler campaign recently has played with the idea that Senor Suner, dyed-in-the-wool Axis protagonist, might oust General Franco if the Caudillo rejected Hitler's demands for free passage for troops to Gibraltar.

Announcement last night of important changes among high officials, and other measures against the Falange, suggested that General Franco had got his blow in first.

One of the most striking changes was the appointment of a new Minister of the Interior and Director-General of Public Security. This was the post held by Senor Suner before he took over the Foreign Ministry, and is one of the key posts in the Government as the Ministry of the Interior controls the Police and Civil Guards throughout the country.

New Civil Governors have been announced for Madrid, the Balearic Islands, Segovia, Salamanca, Cordova, and Zamora.

Great Surprise

The removal of the Civil Governor of Madrid has caused great surprise as he is also leader of the Falange in Madrid.

GERMANY HAS BEEN TAKEN ABACK BY THE ACTIONS OF GENERAL FRANCO, AND COMMENTING ON THE REMOVAL OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRID, BERLIN RADIO STATED: "THIS IS VERY SURPRISING."

Falangists Censored

Added significance is given to General Franco's swift reshuffle of important positions by the announcement that the recent decree which freed the Falangist newspapers from censorship has now been cancelled. — Reuter.

Suner's Message

Whilst the news from Spain yesterday was concerned with interesting developments regarding the relationship between the Falange and the Spanish State, the Italian news agency published in Rome a congratulatory telegram from the Fascist Spanish Foreign Minister, Serrano Suner, to Mussolini.

The telegram congratulates the Duce on the anniversary of the foundation of his empire and records Senor Suner's personal "joy over the recent victories and wishes for the establishment of a new Europe in which the Falange will march side by side with Fascism and National Socialism."

Great Prominence

Reuter's Madrid correspondent reports that great prominence was given in the press there to the reorganisation of high Government positions.

The order reinforcing the censorship of Falange papers was prominently featured in the Falangist organs "A.B.C." and "Ya" but was ignored in the Falangist "Arriba."

This paper vented its spleen on the British press, complaining that some British papers employed correspondents to report on Spain who were nothing better than spies.

IN MADRID IT IS CONSIDERED POSSIBLE THAT APART FROM THE CHANGES ANNOUNCED, OTHERS NOT LESS IMPORTANT MAY BE TO COME. — REUTER.

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD") It was reported in Cairo yesterday that Rashid Ali's troops retreating on all fronts, and that most of the Iraqi aerodromes have either been occupied by the British or destroyed by aerial bombing.

The last few days of fighting have seen heavy Iraqi casualties, much war material has been captured. — International News Service.

The occurrence of a demonstration against Rashid Ali in Baghdad on Thursday was confirmed by well-informed Turkish sources in Cairo yesterday.

The demonstrations took the form of street processions. Manifestations of disapproval were also reported the same day at Mosul and Kirkuk. — Reuter.

Clipper Lands In Malaya

An R.A.F. escort of five Brewster Buffalo fighters brought in the Pan-American "Clipper" which inaugurated the San Francisco-Singapore service, arriving at Singapore at 7.25 a.m. (G.M.T.). The Colonial Secretary, Mr. S. W. Jones, welcoming the captain and crew, said: "At any time we should have welcomed this triumphant journey as an advance towards the greater convenience and efficiency of our lives."

"Now it is more. We have come to regard America and Americans as our steadfast and warm-hearted friends in a season of trouble. Unless the world is utterly bad Britain should have millions of friends, but of them all, it is America which has shown the greatest friendship and help, and this she is doing with increasing force." — Reuter.

SHIPPING LOSSES

Raymond Gram Swing, the American radio commentator, declared that British shipping losses in April, the highest of any month, were probably due to the Greek evacuation.

Of the total of 106 ships of 483,124 tons, Britain lost 60 ships of 233,000 tons, the Allies 43 ships of 189,000 tons and neutrals two of 5,500 tons.

The figure is well below the worst of the last war.

Enemy Losses

An Admiralty comment on last month's shipping losses says that of the total figure no fewer than 187,000 tons were lost in the recent intensive Mediterranean operations.

A large proportion were Greek ships sunk in Greek ports. Atlantic sinkings totalled 300,000 tons.

Enemy losses in the last month totalled 600,000 tons.

Admiralty Statement

The Admiralty statement says the Germans claimed to have sunk during April 1,144,998 tons and the Italians 74,000, making a total of 1,218,998 tons, or more than two and a half times the actual losses.

Total tonnage lost by the enemy to date is estimated at 2,912,000 tons, comprising Germany 1,750,000, Italy 1,000,000 tons and tonnage useful to the enemy, 66,000. — Reuter.

JAPANESE VENGEANCE

AS A SEQUEL TO THE RECENT ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE A JAPANESE SENTRY FROM A JUNK IN SHANGHAI, THE JAPANESE MILITARY VESSEL REPORTED TO HAVE SUNK OVER 100 JUNKS AND SAM-PANS ALONG SOOCHOW CREEK IN THE COURSE OF A HUNT FOR TERRORISTS.

After a thorough search the Japanese, it is stated, shot holes in the bottom of each sampan, sinking it.

Hundreds of Chinese have been rendered destitute and homeless as result of the action. Soochow Creek separates Hong-kew, the Japanese-occupied portion of the Settlement, from the Settlement proper. — Reuter.



Boy evacuees wearing white paper pinned on their backs for walking along country roads after black-out time in Berkshire. — (Copyright, Fox.)

PUBLIC WORKS TO RELIEVE MACAO REFUGEES

IN AN EXCLUSIVE interview yesterday with a representative of the "Sunday Herald," His Excellency the Governor of Macao, Frigate-Captain Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira, stated that everything possible is being done in Macao to ameliorate social conditions in that colony.

Owing to the great influx of refugees, said His Excellency, the population of Macao has more than doubled. The city is terribly overcrowded, with a population to-day of more than 450,000 people, in an area of barely 10 square miles.

Obviously, said His Excellency, nothing like perfection can be achieved in spite of the fact that over half a million dollars is being spent yearly by the Macao Government for relief purposes, plus great sums of money subscribed by the public.

The continuous influx of population makes things still more difficult, but steps are being taken to prevent vice and crime, which so easily spread in places which are over-populated.

The outer harbour and the reclaimed lands along Arica Preta need re-filling and employment is to be given to refugees for this work.

Linking Islands

Another plan under discussion is the linking of the Islands of Tapai and Coloane, and the subsequent development of these Islands.

CHILE SEIZES TWO DANISH SHIPS

Chile has seized a further two Danish ships, it is announced in Santiago. — Reuter.

ITALY PREPARED

"ITALIAN PUBLIC OPINION IS PREPARED FOR UNITED STATES INTERVENTION IN THE WAR BY AN ARTICLE IN 'POPOLO D'ITALIA' BY MARIO APPELLIUS." STATES THE OFFICIAL ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY.

The article declared that since President Roosevelt had said that to escort convoys unladen entry into the war, it must be concluded that the White House decided on intervention from the moment when Mr. Stimson urged the necessity of conveying. — Reuter.

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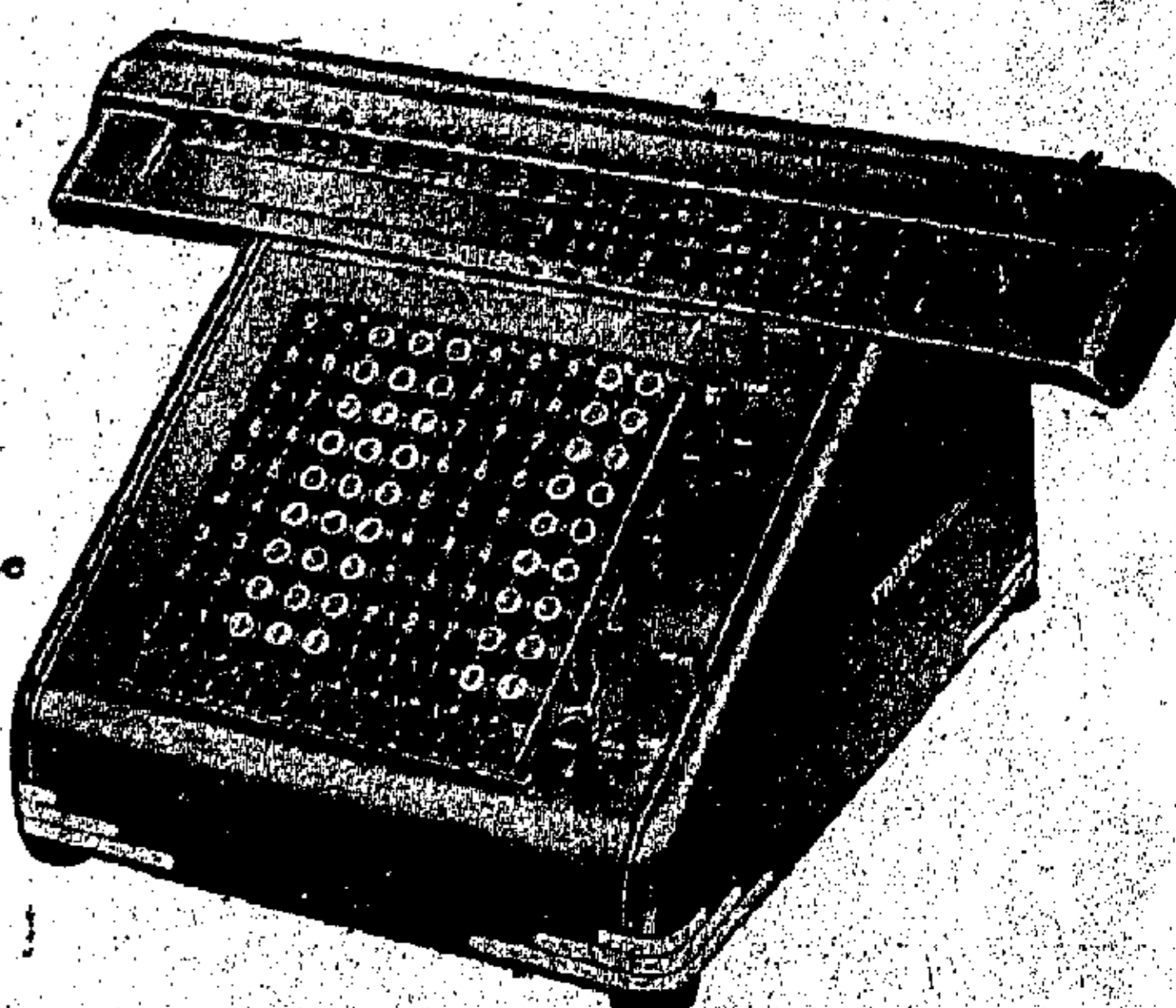
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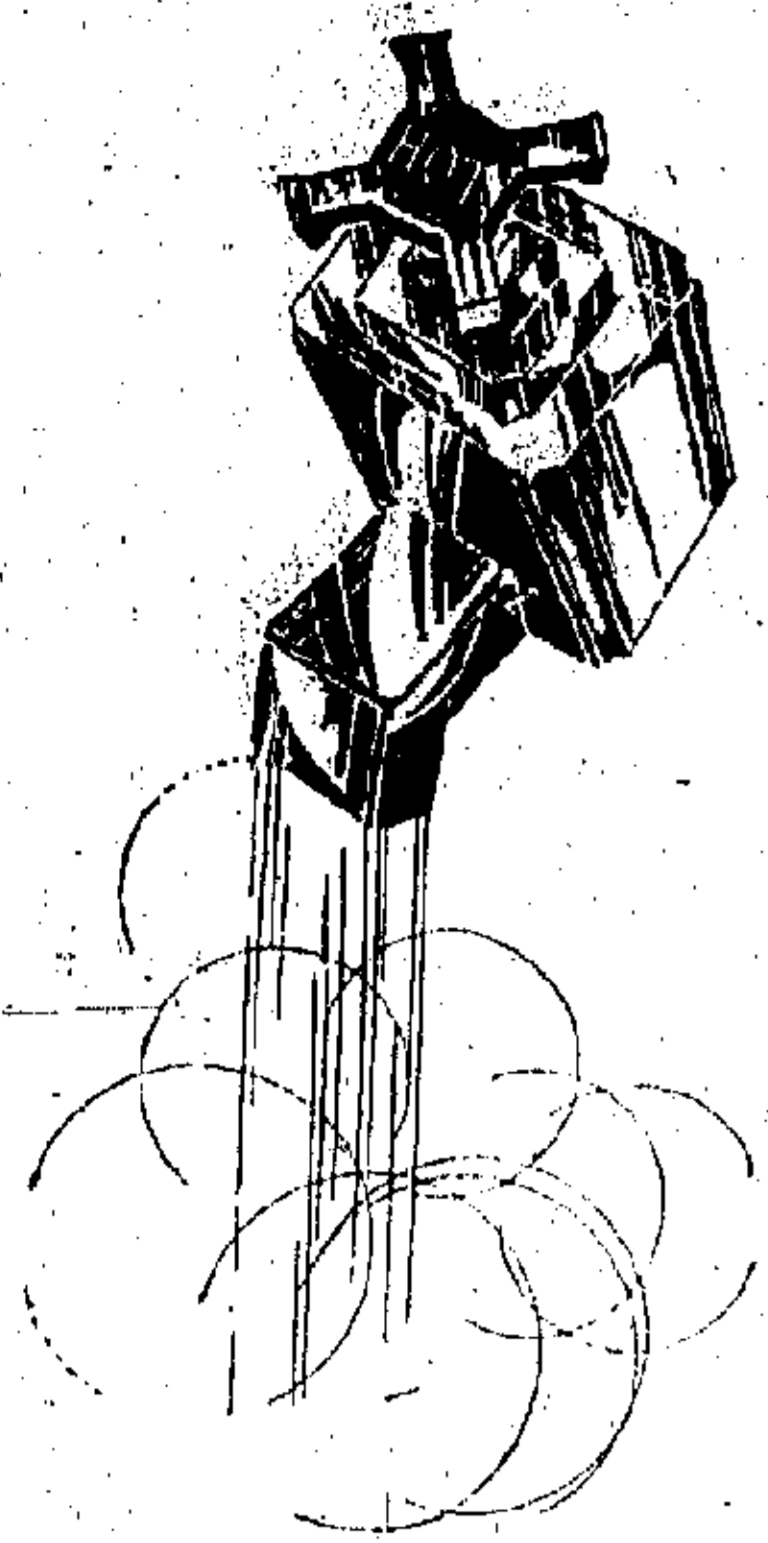
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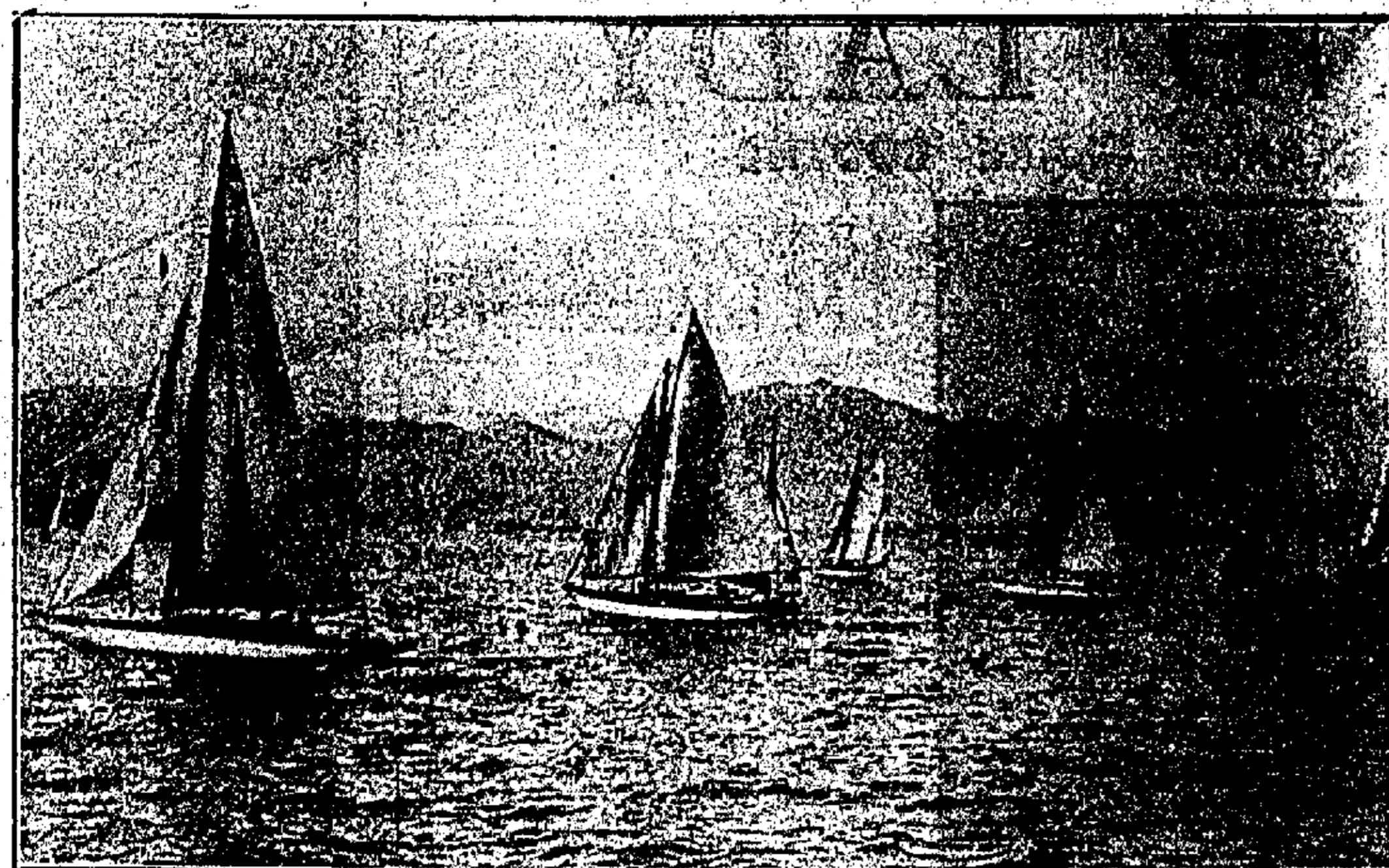
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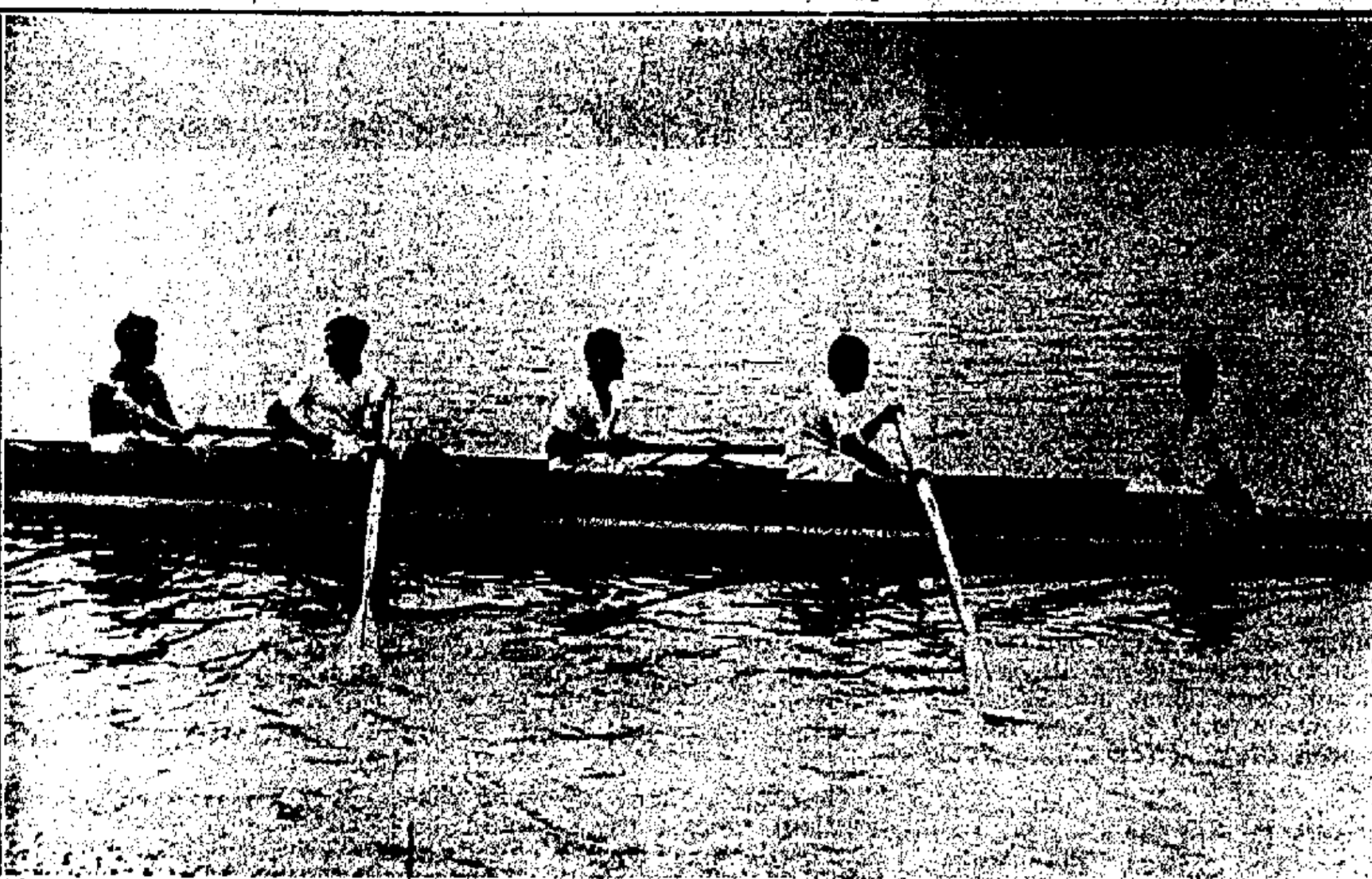
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Some of the cruisers and four-tonners which took part in the Yacht Club's Closing Cruise of the season starting from Murray Pier last Saturday.



Scotland's crew, above, won the International Fours from England. P. Lenfesty was the successful cox, and from left to right are A. G. Dalziel, J. Moodie, J. C. McDouall and T. Swan.



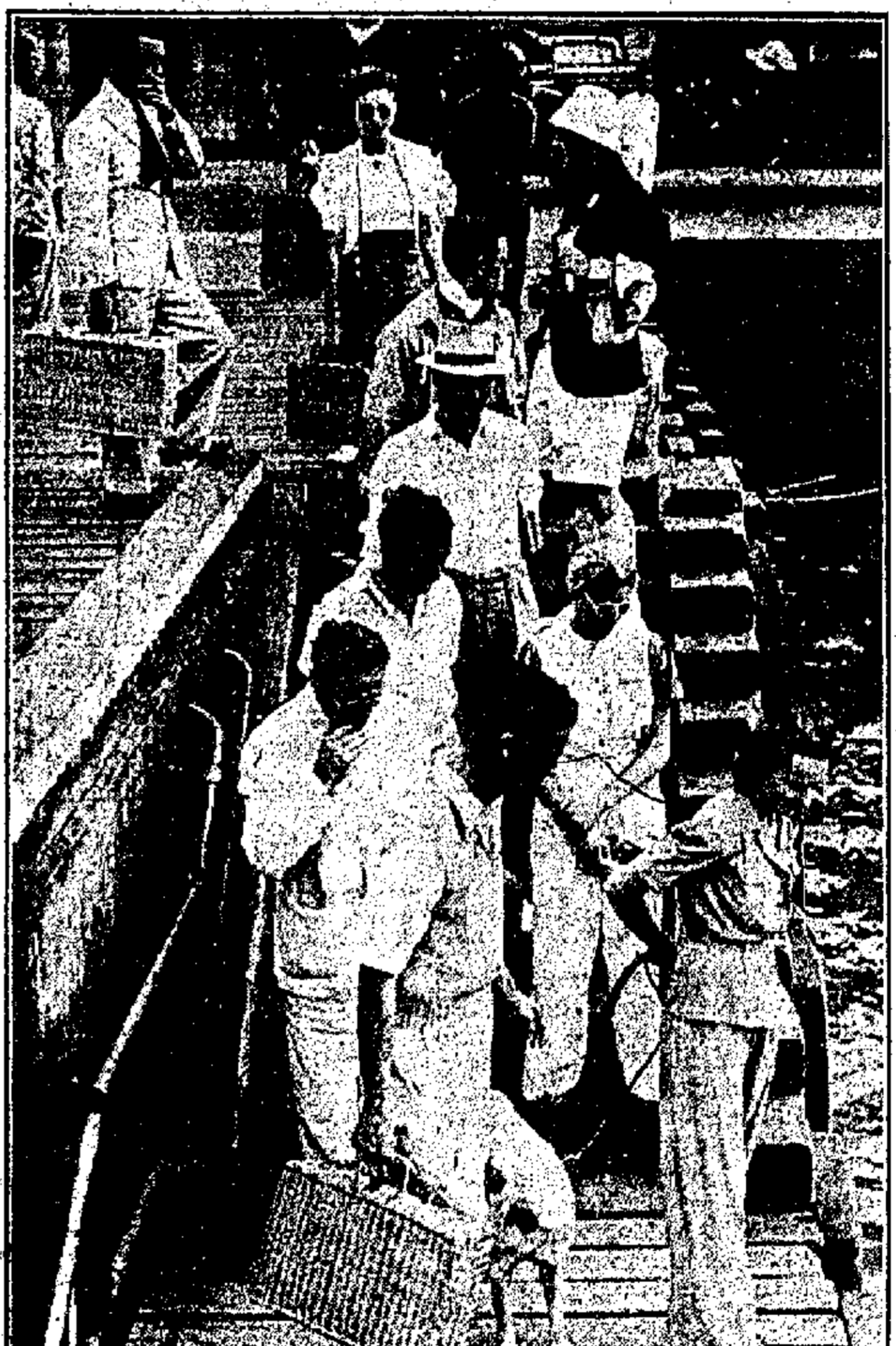
G. L. Eastgate, who won the Open Sculls from W. K. Corneek. This was Eastgate's second win in this event in consecutive years.



Peter Wilson snatching "forty winks" despite the photographer's attentions. Miss Eileen Bliss is seen next to D. B. Nelson with A. H. Dinnen at the extreme right.

Yacht Club Regatta

Winners of the Scratch Fours, which brought the rowing programme to an end at Middle Island last Saturday. Members of the winning crew were W. K. Corneek, J. A. V. Munster, v. Heuven, B. de Haan and G. L. Eastgate with D. B. Nelson as cox. Our picture on the right shows England's successful four in the Junior International event. The crew comprised N. J. Booker, K. B. Nelson, W. K. Corneek and N. D. Booker.



Some of our yachtmen with their lady friends setting off for the day from Murray Pier. In the foreground at right is Miss Peggy Sharpe, while Mr. W. F. Webb may be seen with his hand to his mouth.



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SPRING BYINGTON, who portrays the perfect mother on the screen, epitomises the attractiveness of a woman who is forty-plus.

UNTIL recently Clare Boothe was perhaps most widely known as the author of that vitriolic play, *The Women*, which ran on Broadway for 82 weeks, was produced in at least fifteen foreign countries, made a hit movie, and earned its author close upon half a million dollars. Her latest large-scale achievement is her book *"Europe in the Spring"* published by Alfred A. Knopf Inc. in September, 1940.

In February of last year, wishing to see for herself what was really happening in Europe at war, Clare Boothe went there. In Italy, in France, in England, in the Lowlands, in Portugal, she took the pulse of the people—soldiers, diplomats, nurses, socialists, soldiers, waiters, taxi-drivers, anyone. She visited the Maginot Line before the Blitzkrieg; she endured bombing from the air in Brussels and Paris. She had long conversations with Count Ciano in Italy, in Paris she talked and dined with Ambassador Bullitt, with Premier Reynaud, with practically all the French politicians, most of whom were involved in the incredible machinations necessary to get her to the front. Finally, she met and earned General Canale and a few days later, in a little blue suit like a uniform, she stood on a rainy hillside in Lorraine to receive a bunch of red roses from the soldiers in the Maginot Line.

In London she saw many of the leading statesmen and was presented to the King and Queen. How did she manage to achieve all this? Principally, perhaps, because she is Clare Boothe. Behind her ethereal blond beauty, the attractive femininity of her clothes, her light perfumes, her simple little hair bows, she has contrived a formula for getting the mental attention of the important men and women of her day. Much of her effect lies in the contrast between her angelic face and her biting, detached wit.

Condensed into a nutshell, her life might be described as follows: Born New York City, April 10, 1903. Educated St. Mary's School, Garden City, Long Island, and The Castle, Tarrytown, N.Y. Married (1) George Tuttle Brokaw, (2) Henry R. Luce. Children: Ann Clare Brokaw, Professional Career—Assistant Editor *Vogue*, 1930, Assistant Editor *Vanity Fair*, 1931-2, Managing Editor *Vanity Fair*, 1933-34, playwright (1935). Author of *"Stuffed Shirts"* (1931); *"The Women"* (1936); *"Kiss the Boys Goodbye"* (1938); *"Marrin for Error"* (1938); *"Europe in the Spring"* (1940).

Active as speaker for Wendell L. Willkie, Republican candidate for President of the United States, during campaign of 1940. But between the bald lines of his record lies an amazing success story founded, as most success stories really are, on perseverance and hard work. Most people are aware of the dynamic quality of her work. They point to the fact that she wrote the first draft of *"The Women"* in three days, mostly sitting up in bed in her Towers suite at the Waldorf, wearing a pink velvet bed jacket and a blue satin bow in her hair. But most



Mr. Henry Luce, publisher and editor of the American magazines *Time*, *Life* and *Fortune*, and his authoress-playwright wife, Clare Boothe. The photograph was taken last Wednesday at the distinguished couple were feted by Hong Kong's American community at the American Club. (New China News Photo.)

people are unaware of the fact that Miss Boothe works harder than most authors at rewriting. She labours over sentences, gags, dramatic devices until she has achieved the desired quality of casualness and indifference.

"Stuffed Shirts", published in 1931, was a collection of satirical sketches about Park Avenue types which had previously appeared in *Vanity Fair*. Her first play *"Abide With Me"* (not on the record) appeared in 1935 and was an unmitigated failure. Her perseverance is evidenced by the fact that despite the severe beating that she took with *"Abide With Me"*, Mrs. Boothe still went on writing. Nor had she at that time, as so many authors have, the incentive of poverty to spur her on.

Money seems to have had little to do with her desire to work. She never quite convinced herself through a settlement by her first husband, George Tuttle Brokaw, when she went to work for *Vogue*, writing picture captions and doing other editorial chores for \$35 a week. After a few months on *Vogue*, she became assistant editor of

Vanity Fair at \$40 a week. In the next two years, she reached \$10,000 a year and the position of managing editor. From the beginning she showed an astonishing capacity for work and a beautiful disregard for obstacles.

Clare Boothe was not born with a silver spoon in her mouth. Her parents were poor and she spent an itinerant, rather unhappy childhood. Yet her ancestry has no doubt contributed to her success. The Boothe ancestors came to America on "The Ark and the Dove" in 1634; her mother's family, immigrant Danavians, arrived at the time of the Civil War. From them she inherited her tenacity of purpose and talent for organization.

Hearing that you could bring up a child in Europe economically and in a manner worthy of one connected with the Marylands, she decided to try it. Her mother, having made about \$2,000 in stocks on a tip from a friend, in 1913 to Clegh, then aged ten, to France. For the next year the two led the lives of impoverished gentlemen in a small hotel in Paris. The war and the fact that their capital was dwindling drove them back to America in 1914.

Of all the incidents of her youth, the most famous and productive was Clare's shipboard meeting with Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, who shrewdly and prophetically pronounced her an astonishing girl. Later, under Mrs. Belmont's wing, the unknown Miss Boothe did a little secretarial work for suffrage, and met George Tuttle Brokaw.

In 1923 she became Mrs. Brokaw and for six years led the life of a social butterfly. Of this marriage was born the enormously serious and permanent preoccupation of her life, her daughter Ann. After her divorce in 1929, Miss Boothe moved into her next cycle when she asked Conde Nast for a job on one of his publications. At this time she had a chic penthouse apartment on Fifty-Second Street and played hostess to many literary celebrities and near-celebrities. In 1932 her interest shifted to politics when Conde Nast, deciding that *Vanity Fair* was too frivolous, injected a sterner note into the magazine.

Before the Roosevelt-Hoover campaign of 1932, the New Nationalist Party, partly sponsored by *Vanity Fair*, delegated Mrs. Brokaw to go to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago and try to win recruits. She failed to win any recruits to New Nationalism, but she did get to know Bernard Baruch, Eugene Meyer and other important figures, and she began to develop a life of prominent people and a gift of absorbing factual information from them—a gift which has stood her in good stead ever since.

Clare Boothe was well known as Mrs. Boothe Brokaw, but she became famous as Miss Boothe only after her marriage to Henry Luce a man who had already made quite a name for himself as the publisher of *Time* and *Fortune*. This marriage took place two days after the opening of her first play *"Abide With Me"*.

Luce about to marry the lovely playwright, was faced with a tremendous problem. *Time's* dramatic critic rewrote his review of *"Abide With Me"* seven times before he arrived at a successful compromise between tactfulness and truth.

In her plucky rebound after this disaster, Clare said to her husband, "Harry, I think I'll write a play about women without any men in it," and Harry encouragingly said, "Why not?" *"The Women"* and Mrs. Luce's fame as Clare Boothe were the results. She has always moved in a service of ever-widening circles. Now she is in her political one. It took only three weeks of honest, crusading to put her in the centre of public attention. Her glow, intense



The hair is parted on the side with sculptured rolls on left and right—keeping the head silhouette small and classic. The back is brushed sleekly with curls falling low on the neck.

Lura de Gez feels that coiffures should look well with hats. Note how the top sculptured curls swirls over the turban and the back curls show just enough for hair and hat harmony.

SET HAIR EXPERTLY

A great deal of comfort and hair beauty can be derived from finding an expert hairdresser and trusting your head to his or her hands. He not only should be capable of keeping your scalp in a healthy condition, but he should know how to set your hair so it looks well with your hats and may be combed into an engaging style for evening.

One of New York's leading hair stylists illustrates how this may be done. As she likes women to wear ornaments in their hair at night—a little bow, flower or jewel—she sets the hair to accommodate the ornament. Effective high rolls or curls in front, and an unusual interest in back, according to the shape of your face, your personality and your age. No two settings are similar for she feels what is best for you as her client's work.

The hair is so combed and twisted that when it is dry you may comb it in toward your scalp in curls or rolls, or outward. Either way you desire. This permits different styles from the one setting.

For instance, one of your hats may require a sleek combing—something casual. If your hair is set well you may comb it into a casual hair-do for day wear and come night (when you want to look exotic) you may comb the hair back into a more glamorous hair-do without having destroyed the waves or curls of the original setting.

Hair Must Be In Good Condition

The only hitch in such versatility, is that your hair must be in

a pretty good condition. If it is too dry and frizzy, no curl will hold for long. Keep your hair well brushed (brushing beautifies a good setting and doesn't destroy it a mile), and keep your scalp lubricated if it tends to be very dry. An oil shampoo before a setting is a good rule to follow, or you may use a slightly oily tonic on your scalp daily. Select a reliable lotion for dry hair condition, and then learn to apply it smoothly with absorbent cotton. The brushing will carry it to the entire length of the hair, thus giving it a sheen and making it more manageable.

Too oily hair also is difficult to set attractively. The condition should be corrected through diligent care.

Be Open To Suggestion

If you have been wearing your hair in the same old fashion for years, be open to the suggestion of a good hairdresser. Experiment with a new parting, a different setting. Perhaps the first attempt will not be just the coiffure you want, but try again. Remember, too, that it takes two or three settings to train the hair to stay in a new way. You cannot expect your hair to remain high on your head the first week, if you have been brushing and combing it in a long heavy bob for ages. Give your hairdresser a chance to reveal his or her art—but with one caution—DO NOT HAVE YOUR HAIR CUT UNLESS YOU ARE CERTAIN YOU LIKE THE NEW STYLE.

THAT MIDDLEAGE LOOK

Posture and voice habits play an important part in keeping a youthful appearance. And the women over forty should check these habits carefully so they may preserve their attractiveness.

If a woman permits her shoulders to slump, and her abdomen to protrude as she stands, sits, or walks, she is definitely creating a middle-age look even though her skin may be clear and her eyes and her figure proportions good. Unless she carries herself with tummy tucked in, spine erect and her buttocks tucked under flat as possible, her figure will appear to be pounds heavier and inches larger than it actually is. Even a woman with some excess weight can give an illusion of slimmness by improving poor posture.

All women should strive to develop a pleasing speaking voice.

Young women as well as older women. Too often petulant tones creep into a woman's voice, or it is high pitched and raucous, which is a sure indication that middle-age is moving in at too rapid a pace. A youthful voice is an eager, enthusiastic voice; one which does not sag or drag off at the end of sentences. It is warm, mellow tones. Learn to enunciate words carefully and don't talk too rapidly or too slowly.

Be sure to keep your interests alive and varied. Think towards the future, never dwell on the past. Talking of what you intend to accomplish creates the impression that your best years lie ahead (as truly they do). Whereas if you persist upon discussing the past frequently, or too longingly, you quickly date yourself, and are considered a has-been.

I feel all women should keep up-to-date on current affairs. Know what is new in national events, fashion, the theatre, books, and art. Be ready to accept changes, don't condemn things or customs just because they are different from what they used to be. But, above everything, avoid acting too youthful and coy. Nothing is more pathetic to watch than the woman who tries to speak and act and dance like a debutante. It is a pitiful attempt to appear young. She robs herself of all harm. Strike a happy medium. Assume a reserved, pleasingly dignified manner, with an ever present sense of humour. Then you will have an arresting personality that young and old will admire.

Try keeping your personality and appearance harmonised. Your mannerisms, skin, figure, clothes should tell the world that you are an alert, meticulous woman. Practice poise constantly, and if you do keep courteous, quite the pride of your family and the envy of your female friends!

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A BED-TIME STORY FOR CHILDREN:-

RANGI PICKS UP

Uncle Wiggly sat down so hard on his bungalow floor, he rattled the pans on the gas stove. He also rattled the dishes in the pantry. This noise caused Mrs. Longears, and also Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy, to open their eyes.

The two animal ladies had closed their eyes because they were so astonished at what Uncle Wiggly had done. He had brought home with him Rang, the big caribou. Mr. Longears thought Rang, who had big, branching horns on his head, might be a useful friend.

"He can pick up the things our rabbit children so carelessly drop around the bungalow," Uncle Wiggly had said.

Then Mrs. Longears pointed out that Rang was such a big caribou he couldn't get inside the little hollow stump bungalow to do any picking up.

"Why, I never thought of that!" exclaimed Uncle Wiggly. He sat down heavily in great surprise on the floor. That's what made the pans and dishes rattle. Outside the bungalow, Rang, the big caribou, heard the racket. He had been pawing away the snow to eat the moss beneath it. "Is anything the matter, Uncle Wiggly?" asked Rang in his deep, bellowing voice.

By

Howard R. Garis

"Yes," sadly answered Mr. Longears. "Everything seems to be the matter, my picking-up friend. Oh, dear!"

"Do not be discouraged, my rabbit friend," said Rang. "I am still here. I will come in and pick things up."

"Alas? That is the trouble," said Uncle Wiggly. "I didn't think of it before. But you are so big, Rang, and my hollow stump bungalow is so small, you cannot get in to help Nurse Jane pick things up off the floor."



"I never thought that!"

large, hollow stump bungalow would take much time. And I wanted you to begin picking things up right away."

Through The Window

"Well, perhaps that can be done," said Rang. "If I cannot get all of myself in your bungalow, perhaps I can stick my horns in through an open window and pick things up off the floor."

"Hurrah! I never thought of that!" laughed Uncle Wiggly. "Open a window, and let me put my horns in," said the caribou. "Which room has the most things scattered about?"

"It's the children's playroom," said Nurse Jane. "They are always leaving their toys scattered about. Suppose you start there."

"Right gladly will I do that," said the caribou. So Uncle Wiggly opened the window of the playroom. The little rabbit children were all at school. But scattered about the room were many toys, also caps, shoes, stockings and other things. "It sure is a messy room," said Rang. "But I will soon have everything picked up on my horns. I can toss them into the closet if you will open the door." Rang thrust his horns into the room. He moved his head about. His horns swept to and fro. He gathered on one horn prong a toy fire engine and on the other a doll. Then, all of a sudden, something very strange happened. I shall tell you about it in the next story. But I hope you can stop the pin from putting its head in the eye of the needle when it wants to go to sleep in the buttonhole. (Released By The Bell Syndicate Inc.)

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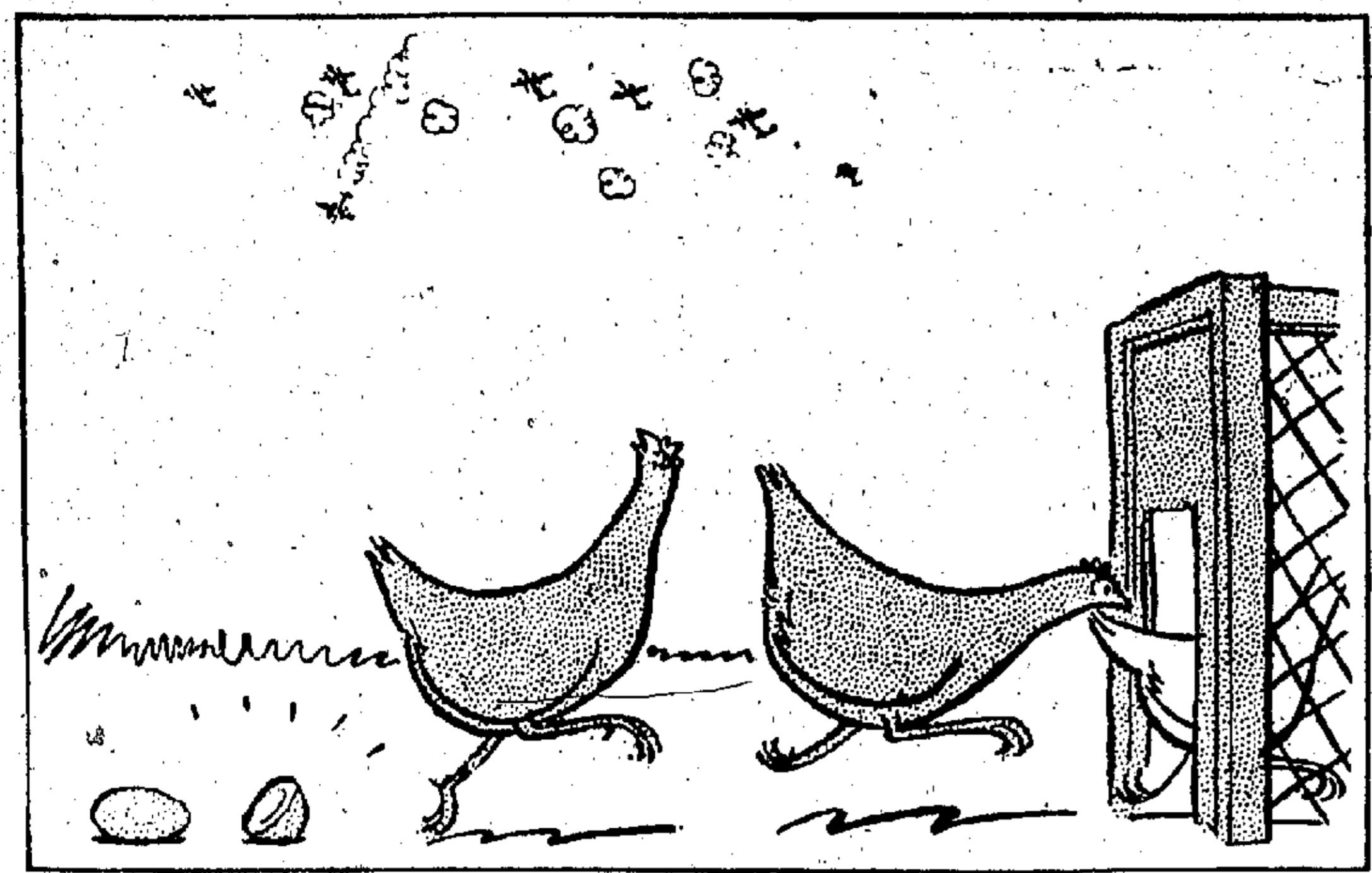
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Queen Inspects Juvenile Fashions



Buckingham Palace was the scene recently of a juvenile fashion parade when Her Majesty the Queen inspected copies of the cotton frocks which are being sent to America for exhibition. In New York and to bring in money for Britain's war effort. These pictures show, at top left, five-year-old Virginia Vernon hesitating before a door which is clearly marked "H.M. The King's Room—Private." At right she is seen again, this time with Her Majesty, and four-year-old Gloria Ginn-Goddard who is holding up her teddy bear for the Queen's inspection. Directly above, Her Majesty is seen talking to some of the children who displayed the frocks. (Fox Photos, Copyright.)



"Isn't it awful the way you have to keep leaving off in the middle of what you're doing?"
—London Opinion.

JEST--A--MINUTE

FODDER
Said the little calf to the silo:
"Is my fodder in there?"

THE CAUSE
Grandfather: "Nowadays I never see a girl blush. In my day it was different."
Granddaughter: "Why, Grandpa? Whatever did you tell them?"

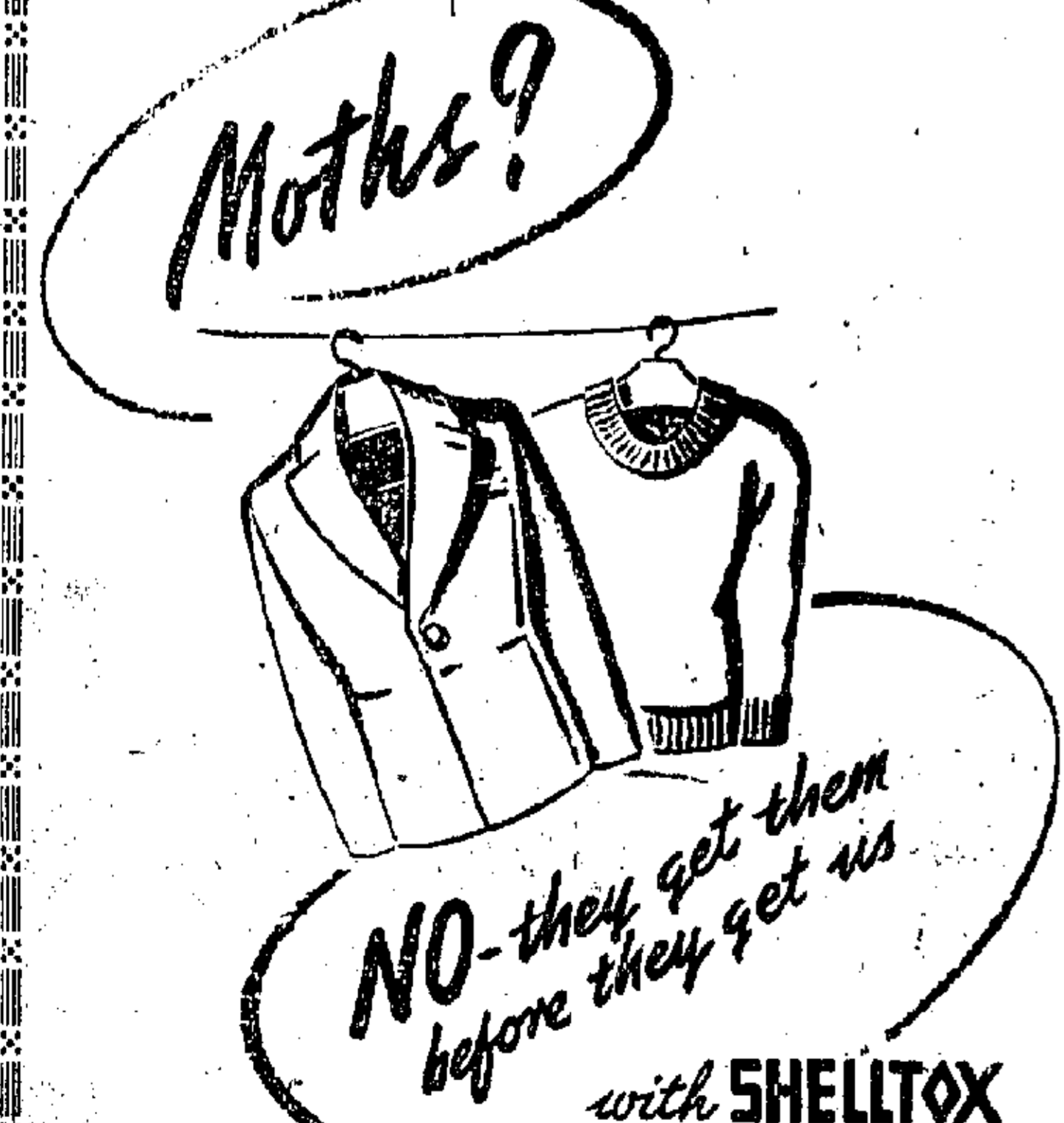
MEMENTO
One of John's best friends had died, so he called on the widow to express his sympathy.
"John and I were friends," he said. "Isn't there something I could have as a memento of him?"
She raised her velvety brown eyes, which a few seconds before had been wet with tears.
"How would I do?" she asked.



WHOLEHEARTED RESPONSE
Wishing to get married, a couple went to a minister's house just as he was ready to leave for his service. The preacher explained what he considered a way out of the difficulty.
"You two come to the service, and at the close come forward and I will marry you."
They agreed to this, and when the minister had completed his sermon, in order to give them the cue to come forward, he announced: "All those desiring to be married, come forward."
Thirteen women and one man started for the altar.

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WHAT kind of a husband are you? Are you one of those sentimental and jealous and possessive? You may as well become accustomed to that—for you will never change her.

May 22—June 21

March 22—April 21

If your wife was born between March 21 and April 22, she has a strong will, and great originality. Practically fearless, she will assert herself in many ways. Ardent and impetuous, she is frank in showing her affection. She likes strenuous outdoor sports, and enjoys prize fights and slapstick comedy. She has a keen sense of humor, and while her temper is apt to be fiery, she will not carry a grudge. Your progress will mean a great deal to her, so that you must not be afraid to bring home your business problems. Talk things over with her! You will be surprised at the keenness of her judgment, and the originality of her ideas. Don't be afraid of her. If you don't show it, for she will lose her respect for you.

An Aries woman is not usually domestic, but since she is highly efficient, she can fill the job of housewife and mother, and have a career besides. She has much individuality, and while she may say "Yes, dear" to keep peace in the family, she will usually have things her own way. You can be sure that she will never bore you, and her hasty, impetuous nature will be a stimulus to your success.

April 22—May 21

If your wife was born between April 22 and May 21, you have a sweet, gentle, home-loving creature—a perfect wife and mother! She will feed you well, for she enjoys good food herself, and you will never be lonely. Your Taurus wife will never be "too tired"—anything you suggest will be welcome. True, she will not be a female Einstein, but then, you will probably furnish the brains of the family yourself while she will be practical and dependable. Her excellent taste will lead her to buy attractive things that you will love. Not only does she love kindness and flattery, but she is

HEADS AND TAILS
A little worm was feeling lonely, so he popped out and looked about for someone to play with. At last he noticed another little worm, and said, "Will you come and play?"
The other worm replied: "Don't be silly. I'm your end."

RARE TREAT
Kisses were being sold at a shilling each for the local Spitfire fund. It was noticed that the plainest-looking girl was getting the most customers.
"Why is everybody kissing Miss Crabface?" someone asked.
"She's had onions for dinner," was the reply.

OVERSIGHT
"There's something odd about you this morning," said Hilda to Goering. "Yes, I know what it is. For the first time since I've known you you've left off my medals."
Goering looked down at his chest.
"Heavens!" he cried, "I forgot to take them off my pyjamas."

FILM FASHIONS
An American film producer asked an English friend to watch the "shooting" of one of his "society" films to see that it was all right. After a time the Englishman asked: "Why does that man keep his hat on when he's talking to the lady in the drawing-room?"
"Sure," said the producer, "he can't take it off—another lady's coming in presently, and he's got to raise his hat to her."

STOP MEDDLING
"Put up your hands!" commanded the larger of two bandits who had stopped the motor-coach. "We're going to rob the gents and kiss all the ladies."
"No," remonstrated the small one gallantly. "We'll rob the men all right, but we'll leave the ladies alone."

CARELESS
Having bought a donkey from a friend, a coster took it out on his rounds. Almost at once it walked straight through a plate-glass window.
The next day, for a change, it trotted into a brick wall! By this time the coster was thoroughly annoyed, and went back to the man who sold him the animal.
"Why didn't you tell me the donkey was blind?" he demanded.
"Oh, he ain't blind!" was the reply. "E just don't give a darn!"

PUZZLING
A stranger was standing on the platform of a small railway station when the Northern express flashed past. Into the whirl of dust raised by the train leaped a station-master's dog, and tore madly up the track in pursuit.
"Does your dog often do that?" asked the stranger of the station-master.
"Yes, sir. Every time the express passes, the dog is after it like a hare."

THAT'S QUER
"That's queer," commented the stranger. "Why does he do it?"
"I don't know," replied the dog's owner, scratching his head thoughtfully. "What worries me is what he's going to do with it when he gets it!"

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May 22—June 21

A native of Gemini is apt to have many ideas, but will be easily influenced by them. She is extremely sensitive, and is apt to have an over-abundance of intellectual energy which must find expression. If she already has a career, she can combine it with a happy marriage. She has very busy and constructive fingers, and if she has learned to use them, you are indeed a lucky man.

Do not insist upon every detail's being perfect before she proceeds with a plan. Do not expect gratitude for everything you do for her. Do not start an argument, for you will argue until dawn. She despises bad grooming, slovenly habits, or a slow-thinking mind. If you annoy her, she will explode and have it over with immediately. It will do you no good to be jealous of her, for she makes friends easily, and does not take them seriously.

June 22—July 21

A woman born under the sign of Cancer has all the maternal qualities you will ever hope to find. However, she is very much attached to her mother and relatives, and since she is super-sensitive, it will be necessary for you to cultivate an interest in them if you wish to keep peace in the family. A little too possessive, she will try to guide every moment of your life, and will feel hurt if you do not appreciate her ceaseless efforts on your behalf.

Since she is imaginative and dramatic, learn to listen sympathetically to the many little household difficulties she relates to you. Never forget her birthday, or the anniversary of the day you met, or any other anniversary for that matter, for you will make her utterly miserable if you do.

You are a very fortunate man in choosing a Cancer wife, for she will go out of her way to prove her devotion.

July 22—August 21

If your wife was born under the sign of Leo, she has a keen dramatic sense, and is apt to be an excellent actress.

She will go out of her way to please you. She loves dancing and refined amusements, but will be bored to death by prize fights or slapstick comedies.

Being no fighter, she will let you take advantage of her in many ways. The soul of tact and politeness, she will go out of her way to keep from hurting your feelings. She will take a lot of punishment silently, but you must not continue to take advantage of her, for when she is fed up nothing will rekindle her interest.

October 22—November 21

Your Scorpio wife is intensely emotional and demonstrative, and will show you a great deal of affection if you are kind to her. However, beware of arousing her sarcasm and her temper! She has a strong, vibrant, dynamic personality. She is generally endowed with what is popularly known as sex appeal, and attracts more people than she is interested in. If she loves you, she will be very jealous of you, although she will resent any show of jealousy on your part.

Her household will be run with precision, but she will not be as fussy of details as her Virgo sister. She is unusually capable, and her power of concentration makes her an excellent cook, housekeeper and mother. There is no duty too difficult, for it gives her a chance to prove her extreme efficiency.

She is keen, shrewd and ambitious—and will help you immeasurably if you will take her into your confidence.

November 22—December 21

If your wife was born under the sign of Sagittarius, she will be either a great help to you, or you will have a "child" to take care of. She undoubtedly has literary ability, and whether she has or not—she will have literary ambitions, and will expect you to encourage her. She is extremely popular and entertaining, and she loves crowds.

Quick-tempered, she will tell you immediately when you have displeased her. She is neither jealous nor suspicious, and cannot understand those qualities in others. She needs more than one interest to keep her busy and happy, and is undoubtedly a keen sports-woman. If you are not the athletic type, you may find yourself a "goat widower."

She will also be constantly planning journeys—preferably long ones, for new scenes hold great fascination for her. An unusually stimulating wife, she will expect you to do big things and will brag about you to her friends.

cellent mimic. So do not be annoyed with her if you find her mimicking you. She loves to entertain, and nothing is too difficult for her, especially when she wants to make an impression. No matter what you do, she will forgive you, if you do not hurt her pride. She is likely to be extremely jealous and suspicious, so do not experiment with that side of her nature.

Because of her natural tendency to dramatise every situation, you must learn not to take her too seriously on many occasions. She will want to show you off to the world, and is apt to brag a little about your ability.

With her power to ingratiate herself in any community, she will probably rule the roost. Not content just to stay at home, and take care of the children, she will undoubtedly be the head of several clubs and organisations.

August 22—September 21

A Virgo wife keeps the neatest, cleanest home in the neighbourhood. Everything is in its place, and there is a place for everything. But you will have to learn just where things belong, and that cigarette ashes are not good for the carpet. Very economical, and efficient, she takes great pride in saving. She will notice every detail of your apparel and will expect you to dress with care and taste. If you let her, she will choose your clothes, and with an eye to durability, for she would rather have one garment of excellent quality than several that are cheap and showy. She has a good mind, and will expect you to have one, and use it.

She will feed you well—not with rich foods, but with those that are good for your health. You will find her ministering to your wants with meticulous care. Do not be surprised if all the people in the neighbourhood come to her with their troubles, for she is very sympathetic.

September 22—October 21

If your wife was born between September 22 and October 21, you will find her appreciative of every kindness and attention. It takes very little to make her extremely happy or very sad. Although she may not be an excellent cook, she will always look charming and will have an artistic home. Harmony will always mean more to her than anything else. You will be far more important to her than her children, and she will go out of her way to please you. She loves dancing and refined amusements, but will be bored to death by prize fights or slapstick comedies.

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February 22—March 21

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Idealistic, and highly sensitive, she is apt to be so secretive and reserved that you will have to make a great effort to find out



WIVES FROM HEAVEN

Although she is not particularly fond of housekeeping, she will run her house with great precision, pretending it is a large enterprise, and then have a good deal of time on her hands with which to help other people who need assistance, advice and organisation. An incessant worker herself, she has no use for anyone around her who is idle.

Intensely persevering, and patient, she will wait forever for her plans to materialise. She can take a lot of punishment if it suits her purpose.

January 22—February 21

An Aquarian wife will have strong likes and dislikes, and you will never know just what to expect. She loves freedom, and being reasonable, will grant you as much. She will be an extremely dutiful wife, but will hate your questioning her as to what she will go out of her way to help you or to do favours for her neighbours, but she will resent lack of appreciation. Your Aquarian wife loves flowers, and will appreciate your remembering that frequently.

Idealistic and highly original, she is apt to be strong-willed and dogmatic. Do not try to argue with her or change her mind. She cares little about tradition, your past position in life will not interest her in the least. Do not be horrified at her sharing her possessions with those around her, giving especially to what she considers worthy charities.

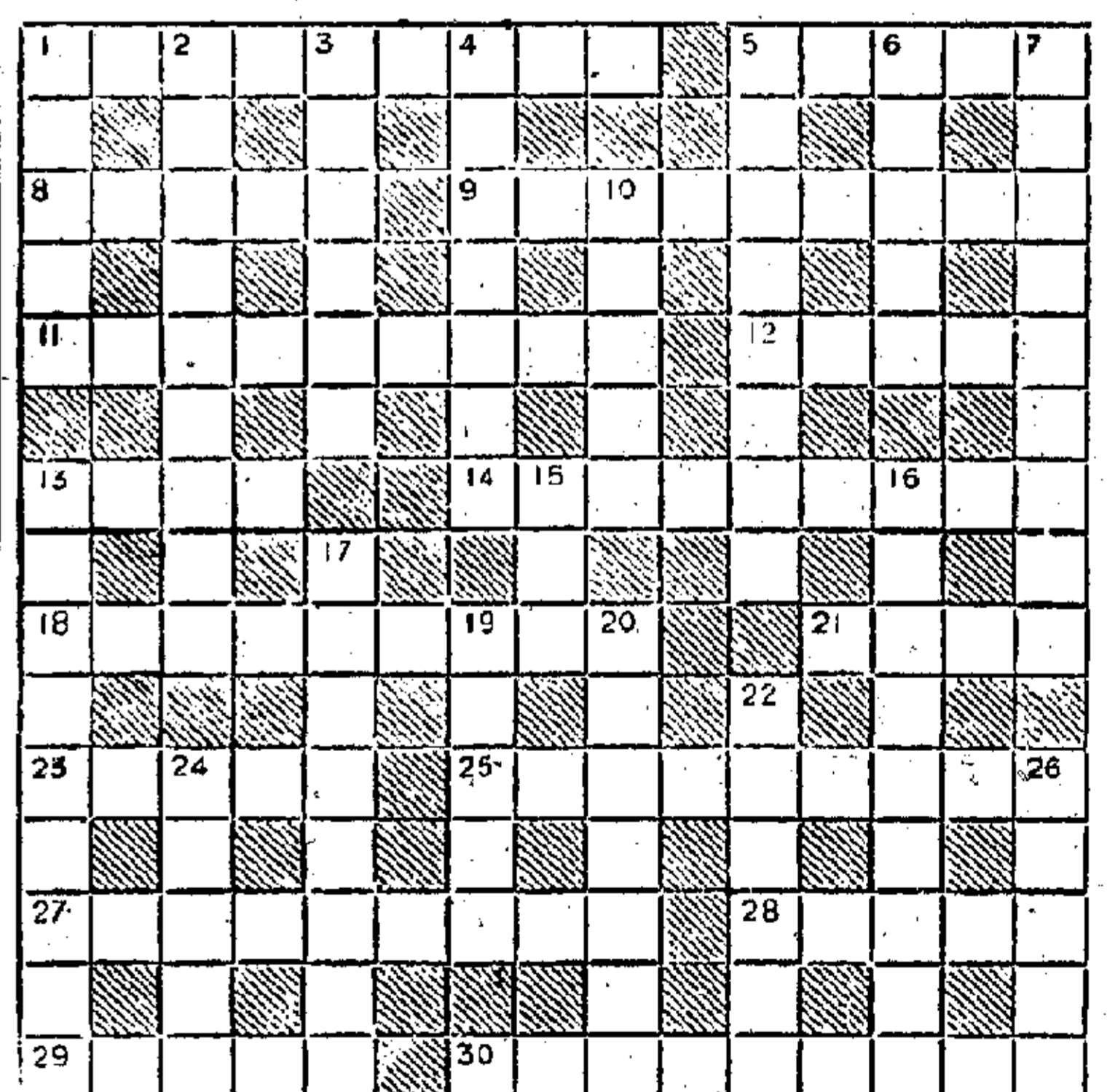
She loves going to concerts and lectures, and if necessary, can beautifully combine a career with her marriage. In fact, if that is necessary, she will not mind a bit, for that will give her an outlet for her keen mentality.

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SUNDAY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS**
- He is on active service (9).
 - Island off Italian coast (5).
 - Inland waterway (5).
 - Useful contrivance (9).
 - Allured, or even drawn by force (9).
 - Short examination in midst of college career (5).
 - Hit hard in summer (4).
 - Such order may be monastic (9).
 - Geometers take it for granted (9).
 - Loch or river (4).
 - Such letters are no longer used (5).
 - Clean dart (anag.) (9).
 - Speed of foot (9).
 - A league has been formed for its abatement (5).
 - What anglers hope to fill (5).
 - Lone creed embodies irragance (9).
- DOWN**
- An innocuous drink (5).
 - Of abnormal size (9).
 - At sea (6).
 - It may be a criminal this man incites (7).
 - Fruity fish (8).
 - A folded plate (5).
 - Concerns to one's own advantage (9).
 - A foot sets it in action (5).
 - It may send you to sleep (8).
 - The food as mixed drink (3).
 - Much of army commander's work is musical (9).
 - One of the grapes (8).
 - Make purrid (5).
 - Cut out, perhaps by censor (7).
 - One kind of coal (6).
 - Relative (5).
 - The pronoun, though object, is subject of composition (5).

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. A. L. I. G. H. T.
2. S. A. R. D. I. N. I. A.
3. C. A. N. A. L.
4. S. P. I. N. D. L. E.
5. L. I. G. H. T.
6. T. E. S. T.
7. S. U. M. M. E. R.
8. M. O. N. A. S. T. E. R.
9. M. E. T. E. R.
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20. C. O. A. L.
21. R. E. L. A. T. I. V. E.
22. P. R. O. N.
23. S. U. B. J. E. C. T.
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Some Of The Week's Sports



The Hong Kong Command Area Athletic Championship was won by Middlesex Regiment last Thursday when they swept the board in all five running relays. Above is shown the team who won the two miles relay. They are Cpl. Hobson, Pte. Goodair, Pte. Cox, and L/Cpl. Heather.



B. O'M. Deane and Miss J. Smalley (—3-6) won the Hong Kong Cricket Club Handicap Mixed Doubles tennis tournament last Monday when they beat J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (—1-5) 3-5, 6-3, 6-3. The winners are shown at right.



Mrs. Torrible and J. S. Theobald snapped during play.

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H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major-General A. E. Grasett, who presented the prizes at the conclusion of the meeting, is seen here presenting the Athletic Cup to Middlesex Regiment.



Mr. and Mrs. Tsang Mang Hong, whose recent marriage took place at the Registry, Supreme Court. The bride is the former Miss Chan Leun Sang. (Chun Shin Mee Studio).



Checking the scores at the Army athletic championship meeting.

The True Character Of The Englishman

AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF A FRENCHMAN

Mon Cher Ami.—This, more accurately than anything else, indicates the true character of the Englishman.

There was a crisis. War seemed inevitable. One had visions of droning bombers and the crash of buildings... thermite, the wall of sirens; "Take cover." "Boum! Boum!" Fire, famine, pestilence—all the Apocalyptic cavalry, my friend. Special editions of the papers came out every other hour. One trembled.

I was walking in the Strand near that fantastic pile of stones known officially as the Courts of Justice, but more familiarly called the Law Courts. A group of men were standing by a news-vendor waiting for morning editions of the evening papers. I waited with them, quivering with excitement. At last the papers, damp from the rain, were rushed to the stand. Everybody produced a penny and snatched a paper; I among them.

Then all these waiting men turned at once to the back page. There was a hush. Then a sigh. And a voice said:—

"Yes, it's Golden Fox for the four o'clock at Catwick, all right. They were looking at the names of horses, quite ignoring the shriek of the big black headlines of crisis."

Le sport, to the Englishman, is life. Is it not a fact that, when the English army sat down to besiege our own Napoleon on the Spanish frontier, they at once imported foxhounds in order to get in a little hunting between skirmishes?

The Englishman thinks in terms of sport. His friend is a "good sportsman." His enemy is a "rotten loser." Defeat, to him, is as acceptable as victory as long as he has the consolation of a "run

for his money." You would never believe to what an extent this race is obsessed by the movements of leather balls. Throughout the summer, every Englishman watches, with bated breath, the progress of the annual cricket matches. The heavens may fall. Governments may crash. The Englishman simply asks: "What are the latest test match scores?"

In the winter, his ruling passion is football. Tens of millions of pounds sterling change hands in wagers and lotteries based on football. Men, women, and children, risk their pennies in "Pools," or football forecasts. Withered grandmothers go into conference with infants upon whose lips the maternal milk is hardly dry, to discuss whether the eleven chosen men of Chelsea, or some other suburb, will win or lose in a ball-game against the suburb of Brentford. The towns of the north lash themselves into fearful passions at football-matches.

Football, no, let us say sport in general—is the only cause in which the Englishman permits himself to throw off inhibition. Place him in the arms of a beautiful woman, and the Englishman will merely say:—"The weather report says it looks like rain." Hold a revolver to his head and he will merely mutter:—"Don't be a silly ass." Shoot him in the back, and his only remark will be:—"Look here, you shot me then." But stand him in a crowd surrounding a field in which twenty-two men chase a ball, and you will see a flash-back to the ancient Saxon. He will shout, scream, dress himself up in fantastic clothes, bang, frying-pans together, twirl umbrellas noisily, and hurl curses and threats. He will strike in the jaw the man who dares to say that Smith of Putney can kick a ball further than Jones of Fulham. The workers of Lancashire and Yorkshire save their wages for a whole year, so that they may travel hundreds of miles Southward to watch the ultimate match known as the Cup Final, in which two teams play for the temporary possession of a silver vase.

England is the home of all sport. Yet the Englishman somehow refuses to admit that he plays his games for the love of them. If he is interested in horse-racing, then it is because racing improves the breed of the horses. If he hunts a stag, he must offer, as an excuse, the theory that the stag enjoys being hunted. Does he run down a fox? Then it is because the dogs like it. There must always be some detached motive. Sport is sacred; it is not nice to play games for money (The popular footballers, who are demi-gods, receive the wages of book-keepers). There must be an atmosphere of

legends. Indeed, together with the Jew and the Chinaman, the Englishman is the greatest gambler in the world. Standing on the brink of eternity, with hell roaring around him, and the earth opening beneath his feet, he still finds time to say to his companion:—"Six to four I get back before you do." At the green baize table, he will lose everything except his temper. More than the Musselman, the Englishman is a fatalist. I have seen him, in France and in Flanders, playing the ancient English game of Crown and Anchor, while the very walls of the dugouts were crumbling under the shock of heavy shells—huge, shattering shells, which, however, in deference to a boxing champion, he christened "Jack Johnsons."

And it is also not a fact that when the most formidable fleet of its time was sighted off the English coast, Sir Francis Drake merely nodded approvingly, and threw another ball in his game of bowls?

This is the Englishman: a quaint and dangerous man; terrible in his rage; admirable in his control, perpetually grumbling in times of peace, humorous in times of trouble; and having a gift of ironic expression exclusively his own—a paradoxical being, trained to treat his games as desperate matters, and his crises as desperate games—whose life will depart before his dogged courage—who faces amusement with a scowl, and death with a smile.

A good man to play with, mon ami; and a hard man to beat! Next time I will tell you all about the Englishman in politics; an affair, mon cher, altogether fantastic.

I embrace you all.
Your friend,
ALPHONSE.

OUT OF THE BOX

OF ONE MIND But this is not what we set out to tell.

There were three men. They were drunk. It happened that they were drunk on top of a high building, waiting for a procession to pass.

Suddenly, one of them (the most drunk, we imagine) said:—"Betcha!"

"Betcha what?"

"Betcha I can walk from here to there," he pointed, from the roof of Grand Buildings, to the top of the Nelson Column.

"Gercha! I betcha!"

"All right, I betcha!"

"Dollars."

"Origh, hic—betcha dollars."

"Steady, now," said the most drunk of the three men, and stepped off the parapet.

Gravitation asserted itself. The man fell a hundred feet, and did not bounce. He was rushed to hospital, and bandaged. The Devil takes care of drunks. He was not much hurt. Next day his friends came to see him.

"What did you do it for?" they asked him.

"I thought I could."

"But why did you let me?" he asked.

"Well, we thought you could, too..."

CONFIDENCE "Salesman" Ferguson is dead, and with him dies one of the greatest inspirers of confidence of our time.

Ferguson sold things that were not his to sell. But he operated on a magnificent scale. The formula is simple. You stand at the booking-office of, say, Charing Cross Station, and look about you with a proprietorial air. Sometimes, perhaps, you nod to a porter, and say: "Everything all right, George?" To which he will most probably reply: "Yes sir. Spooner or later, a gullible colonial comes up with banknotes sticking out of his breast pocket, and asks you the way to Trafalgar Square. Then you get into conversation.

"What do you think of my little business?" you ask him, waving a hand.

"Come and have a drink," you say. And you tell him that you have more railway stations than you know how to handle, and want to sell Charing Cross.

"How much?" he asks.

"Well, to you," you say, "£10,000."

And you take £10,000, and go away.

Ridiculous? No. Salesman Ferguson lived on such tricks. He sold Nelson's Column to an American, for £25,000, and it was only when the unhappy gull gave instructions to have the column removed, that the trick was exposed. He also sold the Statue of Liberty to Australia. It is all a matter of nerve. These tricks have been exposed a million times, and still people are caught.

The old Rosary trick, for instance, still makes the livings of a select handful of crooks. In effect, it works like this:—

You pass a man, drop a rosary. He picks it up. You say: "Thank you, I am executor of Mr. Brown, who left a million pounds for charitable distribution. Will you help me?" "Oh yes," says the man. "But you must deposit a hundred pounds as a sign of good faith," you say. "Of course," says your victim, and gives you a hundred pounds.

Absurd? But the police receive complaints from frantic fools, every month. They have been swindled in that very manner.

Why do people still fall for the three-card trick? They must know it's a swindle. Then why do they fall for it? And games of cards in liners? And the old cigar game, with its variations. A sea-faring man with a wooden leg stares helplessly at the face of a tobaccoist's shop.

"Can I help?" asks tobaccoist. "There used to be a gent named Brown living here," says Seafaring Man.

"Nobody here of that name."

"Ah. Must have left, then. Ye see, I used to supply him with cigars." The simple sailor winks. "Right stuff, ye see, from Holland. I brought a couple of thousand now. But since Mr. Brown ain't here..."

"Let me see the cigars," says the tobaccoist, in a whisper. "Sssh!" says the seafaring man, and produces a sample 25 box and bundle, "Genuine Van Skellum

Coronas from Rotterdam, two thousand. You can have 'em for fifteen quid cash."

"Give you eight."

"Fountain."

"Nine."

"Thirteen, guvner."

"Ten."

"Done," says the sailor, and takes the money and goes; and the cigars in the bundle turn out to be paper ones, anyway, and how can the buyer complain?

There are so many ways of getting money out of people. Yet, it seems, on the whole, necessary to use so much imagination and audacity, when all is said and done.

You can go up to a man and say: "Give me fifty pounds, and I will give it back to you to-morrow."

Or, more likely, the man comes up to you.

AND 50,000 DOLLARS WORTH OF RELATIONS. You will have heard how the American film company, in the slump, wishing to cut down the expenses of its English offices, wired the director, SACK 10,000 DOLLARS-WORTH STAFF AND 50,000 DOLLARS-WORTH RELATIONS.

